

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Executive Director Commissioning and Governance

To: General Purposes - 4 February 2015
Council - 26 February 2015

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Subject: Change of name of Parish

Purpose: To approve a change in name for the parish of Stow Bedon

Recommendations:

- 1) That the name of the Parish Council be changed to Stow Bedon and Breckles
- 2) That the Council make an 'Order' to effect the change of name from the date of the next parish elections

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A request has been received from the Parish Council of Stow Bedon to formalise the change in the names of the parish council under the Local Government Act 1972, Part V. Section 75.

The parish council has, for sometime, operated informally under the name of Stow Bedon and Breckles although no 'Order' had been made formalising these arrangements.

The Local Government Act 1972 allows that 'at the request of the parish council, or where there is no parish council, at the request of the parish meeting, the council of the district in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish.

- 1.2 The statutory authority for a change of name of a parish or town council is set out in the Local Government Act 1972. Section 75 is very brief and is silent on the type and level of consultation process that should be adopted.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 Do nothing
- 2.2 Approve the formal change in name for the parish of Stow Bedon to become Stow Bedon and Breckles
- 2.3 Approve the making of an 'Order to effect the change of parish name.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A request to change the name of the parish council was received from Stow Bedon.

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

4.1 Greater sense of community and belonging.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues**

5.1.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.2 **Constitution & Legal**

5.2.1 Local Government Act 1972, Part IV, Section 75

5.3 **Contracts**

5.3.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.4 **Corporate Priorities**

5.4.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.5 **Crime and Disorder**

5.5.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.6 **Equality and Diversity / Human Rights**

5.6.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.7 **Financial**

5.7.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.8 **Health & Wellbeing**

5.8.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.9 **Risk Management**

5.9.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.10 **Staffing**

5.10.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.11 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.11.1 The Ward Member and County Councillor to be informed of the request. Publication of the change of name in the parish and elsewhere in such a manner as is appropriate. To be effective from the date of the next Parish Elections in May 2015.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 Ward of Wayland

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 None

Background papers:- None

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

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