



Parish Council

The Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government published in 2008 recommends that principal councils should undertake a Review of its area every 10-15 years. For some areas of the Council, a Review had not been undertaken for some time and, following the creation of Dorset Council, it was deemed appropriate to undertake a Review of all parishes within its area.

Dorset Council carried out a Community Governance Review of parishes in the Dorset Council area during 2021 and spring/summer 2022 but draft recommendations relating to Weymouth and surrounding areas and Vale of Allen were withdrawn so that further public consultation could be carried out. A Community Governance Review is now being undertaken for those areas only.

A Community Governance Review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, features, and remove any parish boundaries anomalies that may exist.

What the review will focus on

A Community Governance Review is required to take into account:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish

The council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will:

- be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- be effective and convenient

Any other factors, such as council tax precept levels, cannot be considered.

Locally

Holt and Gaunts Common –

The Vale of Allen Parish Council (VoAPC) borders Holt Parish Council (HPC) in its North-West area and, due to historic reasons at the time (probably before the houses were built) has found that villages are split between two

parish councils. It has found that parts of Gaunts Common and Holt are split between councils usually by the road running through their middle. Therefore, as the opportunity has arisen, it makes sense to tweak the existing boundary lines so that all the homes in each village is in one parish council.

The proposal is that:

- Gaunts Common is moved into HPC
- Holt is moved into HPC

The overall numbers of homes swapping are similar and unlikely to affect the number of Ward councillors.

Bradford –

Also, bordering Witchampton Ward is the hamlet of Bradford. This is no road access to Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council area, and residents seem to identify with Witchampton.

If you wish to make any comments about these proposals, you can do so by completing a Comments form on Dorset Council's website – go to Community Governance Review and in the grey area, read the consultation document and complete the Comments section.

Comments close on 28 December 2022.

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Properties –

From Holt Parish to Hinton Parish in Vale of Allen

4 non-residential properties:

St James School

St James Nursery

Holt United Football Club

Gaunts Social Club

Property	Post Code
Alice Lodge	BH21 4JD
The Bothy	BH21 4JH
Gardners Cottage	BH21 4JS
8 Gaunts	BH21 4JH
7 Gaunts	BH21 4JH
9 Gaunts	BH21 4JH
10 Gaunts	BH21 4JH
Trotwood Cottage	BH21 4JN
Pato House	BH21 4JN
8 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
7 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
Ladywell Cottage	BH21 4JW
5 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
4 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
3 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW

2 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
1 Burts Cottages	BH21 4JW
Pensam	BH21 4JN
Meadow View	BH21 4JN
Quornwood	BH21 4JN

From Hinton Parish in Vale of Allen to Holt Parish

Property	Post Code
Rose Cottage	BH21 4JP
Larks Rise	BH21 4JP
Primrose Cottage	BH21 4JP
The Hatch/Forest View	BH21 4JP
Capricorn Cottage	BH21 4JP
Hillview	BH21 4JR
Dacombs Cottage	BH21 4JR
Evergreen Cottage	BH21 4JR
Wayside	BH21 4JR
Uplands	BH21 4JR

Fields View	BH21 4JR
Hedge End	BH21 4JR
The Palfreys	BH21 4JR
Ash Cottage	BH21 4JR
Caravan adj Ash Cottage	BH21 4JR
Fair View	BH21 4JR
Orchard End	BH21 4JR
Henddol	BH21 4JR
Annexe Lavender View	BH21 4JR
Snowdrop Cottage	BH21 4JR
Holly Lodge	BH21 4JR
Meadowcroft	BH21 4JR
West Wood	BH21 4JR
Horseshoes Cottage	BH21 7EU
White Lodge	BH21 7EU
Portman Chase Lodge	BH21 7EU

Please note this is the initial proposal by Vale of Allen Parish Council, when Dorset Council publishes it's draft or final recommendations other properties may be affected.

Dorset Council will make a final decision – not any of the Parish Councils.

