

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Council
11 December 2018

From: Chief Executive

**Subject: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – CONSULTATION RESPONSES
ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Raskelf and White Horse Ward

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 This report sets out the consultation responses received in response to the Draft Recommendations in respect of the community governance arrangements for Brafferton and Helperby parishes, which were published by the Council on 18 September 2018, and seeks approval of the Final Recommendations.
- 1.2 Members will recall that a Community Governance Review was triggered following receipt of a petition from Brafferton Parish Council and Helperby Parish Council which proposed that Brafferton Parish and Helperby Parish be merged to create a new parish of Brafferton and Helperby, together with the creation of a new parish council.
- 1.3 Following the first consultation stage the Council considered and approved the Draft Recommendations on 18 September 2018. The Draft Recommendations proposed that the two parishes be merged and made recommendations on governance arrangements for the new parish.

2.0 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CRITERIA:

- 2.1 Members are reminded that a Community Governance Review provides an opportunity to consider whether, amongst other things, community governance arrangements properly reflect the identities and interests of the community, and are effective and convenient. A Community Governance Review must also take into account a number of factors including how local arrangements impact on community cohesion, and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.
- 2.2 A Community Governance Review can consider one or more of the following:
 - (a) to create, merge, alter or abolish parishes;
 - (b) the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
 - (c) the electoral arrangements for parishes (including the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding); and
 - (d) grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.
- 2.3 The criteria set out above were included in the first consultation stage.

3.0 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 3.1 Residents in the two parishes and relevant stakeholders were consulted on the Draft Recommendations. Each property in the two parishes was sent a letter containing the Draft Recommendations together with information on how to respond to the consultation. Consultation on the Draft Recommendations took place from 19 September to 21 October 2018 inclusive.

4.0 CONSULTATION RESULTS:

- 4.1 The Council received 18 responses to its consultation on the Draft Recommendations. Those responses are collated in the document attached at Annex A.
- 4.2 All the responses indicated a preference that the parishes of Brafferton and Helperby should be merged to create a new parish together with a new parish council. The majority of respondents agreed that the new parish should be called “Brafferton and Helperby” and that the new parish should adopt a ‘parish style’.
- 4.3 The consultation also sought views on the proposed arrangements for the new parish council. The majority of responses indicated that the parish should not be warded, that seven parish councillors should be elected to sit on the parish council and that the new parish elections should take place in May 2019 and every four years thereafter.
- 4.4 Finally, all the respondents either agreed or expressed no view on the new parish council’s proposed precept of £10,000 for the financial year 2019/20. The proposed precept would result in an estimated charge for a Band D property of £29.07, calculated using the 2018/19 Band D equivalent tax base figure of 343.99 (£10,000 / 343.99). Residents in higher band properties would pay more than this and residents in lower band properties would pay less.
- 4.5 It is impossible to guarantee that the impact on individual council tax bills will be precisely the same as assumed above. This is because the actual tax base for 2019/20 will be used in calculating council tax bills and, therefore, it could differ from the amount given in 4.4 above. The proposed new parish, once granted parish council status, would have the right to decide their level of precept in perpetuity.
- 4.6 In summary, there is a clear majority of support for the Draft Recommendations and this is consistent with the majority of responses to the first consultation stage. Following the conclusion of this further consultation the council is required to consider those responses and make its final recommendations for the Community Governance Review.

5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 These are set out in paragraph 4.

8.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

8.1 These have been considered and there are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION:

9.1 It is recommended that Council approves the following proposals as it is satisfied that these Final Recommendations properly reflect the identities and interests of the community and are effective and convenient, namely:

- a) to amalgamate the existing parishes of Brafferton and Helperby to form a new parish comprising the land shown edged red on the plan attached at Annex B;
- b) the existing parishes of Brafferton and Helperby shall cease to exist;
- c) that the new parish shall be called "Brafferton and Helperby Parish" and the new parish shall adopt a 'parish' style;
- d) that the existing Brafferton Parish Council and Helperby Parish Council be abolished;
- e) to create a new parish council for the new parish of Brafferton and Helperby;
- f) the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Brafferton and Helperby shall be seven;
- g) that the new parish of Brafferton and Helperby is not warded;
- h) elections for all parish councillors for the parish of Brafferton and Helperby shall be held on the ordinary day of election in 2019 and every four years thereafter;
- i) interim electoral arrangements shall include the appointment of District Councillors to the new parish council under the Reorganisation Order to serve from 1 April 2019 until the new councillors, elected to the new parish council, come into office in May 2019; and
- j) that the precept for the parish council of Brafferton and Helperby shall be set at £10,000 for the year 2019/20.

9.2 It is recommended that Council approves the publication of the Final Recommendations.

9.3 It is recommended that Council authorises the Director of Law and Governance to implement the Final Recommendations through the making of a Reorganisation Order to take effect from 1 April 2019.

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**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
 PARISHES OF BRAFFERTON AND HELPERBY
 Consultation summary of responses**

**19 September-21 October 2018
 18 online responses received
 665 electorate
 3% response rate (approximate)**

This is a second consultation for a Community Governance Review in response to a petition proposing changes in the local arrangements of Brafferton and Helperby parishes. Having considered the responses to the first consultation the Council has published draft recommendations as follows.

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Closing date for all responses is Sunday 21 October 2018.

ABOUT YOU

Q1	How are you responding to this consultation? (select ONE response below)	
	5 (27.8%)	As a resident within Brafferton parish
	9 (50.0%)	As a resident within Helperby parish
	1 (5.6%)	As an individual residing outside the parishes of Brafferton and Helperby
	3 (16.7%)	Other (e.g. business, community group, interested party) please specify below:
	1) Brafferton Parish Council 2) Helperby and Brafferton Community Association 3) Helperby Village Hall CIO	

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The existing arrangements are set out on the attached plan indicating Brafferton parish edged blue and Helperby parish edged green.
Please read the following recommendations and make your comments (if applicable) below each one.

Recommendation (a)

To amalgamate the existing parishes of Brafferton and Helperby to form a new parish comprising the land shown edged red on the attached plan.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed. It makes good sense for the parishes to be an entity.
- 7) Excellent idea
- 8) I agree
- 9) I strongly agree with this plan.
- 10) I wholeheartedly agree.
- 11) I've always thought that the community of Brafferton and Helperby should be represented by a single parish council rather than two. Amalgamating the two parishes is a most sensible way of achieving this and I'm pleased to see it happening at last.
- 12) Thank you for your letter of 18th September. I fully support the draft recommendations as listed.
- 13) The Parish Council believes this to be the correct way for the village of Brafferton Helperby to be represented at local government level; one community speaking with a single voice.
- 14) Yes

Recommendation (b)

That the existing parishes of Brafferton and Helperby shall cease to exist.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed
- 7) Agreed.
- 8) I agree
- 9) I agree
- 10) Yes
- 11) Yes

Recommendation (c)

That the new parish shall be called 'Brafferton and Helperby Parish' and the new parish shall adopt a 'parish' style.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) Agreed.
- 8) As Helperby is much bigger than Brafferton, should the new parish be called Helperby Brafferton?
- 9) I agree
- 10) I agree
- 11) Logical
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes, both for alphabetical reasons and because Brafferton is the oldest settlement and should position first. Parish is the term I prefer.

Recommendation (d)

That the existing Brafferton Parish Council and Helperby Parish Council be abolished.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed
- 7) Agreed.
- 8) I agree
- 9) I wholeheartedly agree
- 10) Naturally
- 11) Yes
- 12) Yes

Recommendation (e)

To create a new parish council for the new parish of Brafferton and Helperby.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed
- 7) Agreed.
- 8) I agree
- 9) I wholeheartedly agrer
- 10) Yes
- 11) Yes
- 12) Yes

Recommendation (f)

That the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Brafferton and Helperby shall be seven.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) Agreed... A sensible number.
- 8) I agree
- 9) I agree
- 10) I feel that the number of councillors should be 9, which will give a true representation of both councils.
- 11) Yes
- 12) Yes preferably new ones it's time for a change of the guard, there are too few people who get a say in the parishes

Recommendation (g)

That the new parish of Brafferton and Helperby is not warded.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) Agreed. Creating wards would be divisive.
- 8) I agree
- 9) I agree
- 10) No observations
- 11) Yes
- 12) Yes

Recommendation (h)

Elections for all parish councillors for the parish of Brafferton and Helperby shall be held on the ordinary day of election in 2019 and every four years thereafter.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) Agreed.
- 8) Every two years.
- 9) I agree
- 10) I agree
- 11) No observations
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes

Recommendation (i)

Interim electoral arrangements shall include the appointment of District Councillors to the new parish council under the Reorganisation Order to serve from 1st April 2019 until the new councillors, elected to the new parish council, come into office in May 2019.

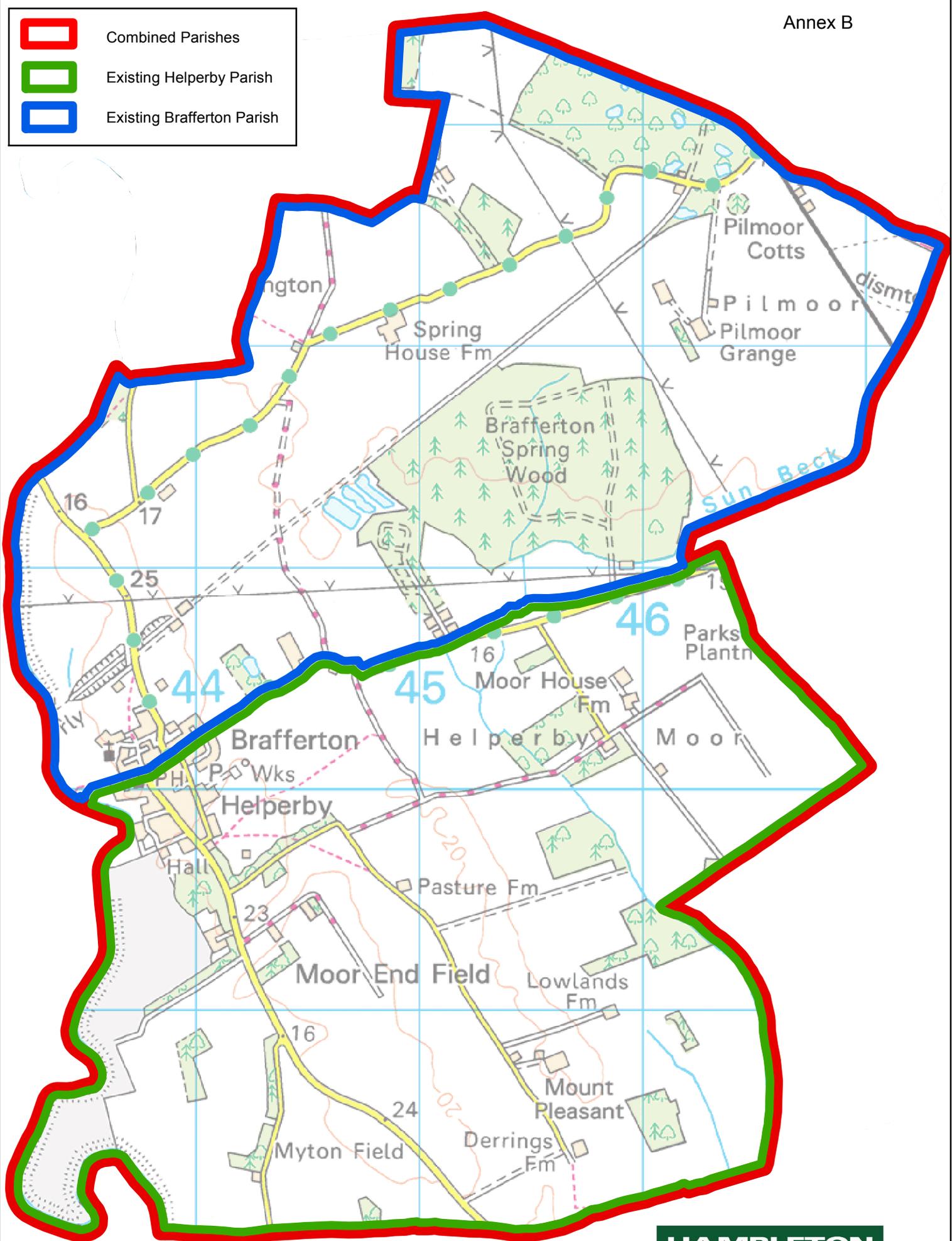
- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agree
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) I agree
- 8) I agrer
- 9) I feel that one only chairman is required, C Owens
- 10) OK
- 11) okay.
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes

Recommendation (j)

That the anticipated precept for the parish council of Brafferton and Helperby shall be set at £10,000 for the financial year 2019/20. This results in an estimated charge of £29.07 for a Band D property. The final decision on the precept is delegated to the Director of Law and Governance (in consultation with the Section 151 Officer) in approving in the Reorganisation Order.

- 1) Agree
- 2) Agree
- 3) Agree
- 4) Agreed
- 5) Agreed
- 6) Agreed.
- 7) I agree
- 8) I agree
- 9) No observations
- 10) OK
- 11) Okay.
- 12) Yes

-  Combined Parishes
-  Existing Helperby Parish
-  Existing Brafferton Parish



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