

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Council
17 April 2018

Subject: REQUEST TO CHANGE NAME OF AISKEW PARISH

Bedale Ward

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 To report the receipt of a request (under the provisions of Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972) from Aiskew Parish Council to change the name of Aiskew parish to Aiskew and Leeming Bar parish.

2.0 PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST:

2.1 A request has been received from Aiskew Parish Council seeking the District Council's agreement to support a change of the name of Aiskew parish. The Parish Council has proposed the parish should be named Aiskew and Leeming Bar as this would provide a clearer description of the geographic area.

2.2 The Parish Council has identified that Aiskew parish comprises Aiskew and Leeming Bar parish wards and the proposed change to the parish name would more accurately reflect the locality of the parish.

2.3 At the request of a Parish Council the District Council has power (pursuant to section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972) to change the name of a parish, provided no other changes are proposed. The Parish Council's request is limited to the change of name of the parish and, therefore, can be considered and implemented by the District Council without the need for a Community Governance Review.

2.4 The Parish Council has consulted with the residents of the parish to seek their views on the proposed change of name. The Parish Council reports that it has received no adverse comments from local residents to the proposal to change the name of the parish.

2.5 Should the District Council approve the recommendation then (pursuant to section 14 of the Local Government Act 1972) the Parish Council's name will automatically change to reflect the new name of the parish, and will thereafter be known as Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

3.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a District Council to change the name of a parish where a request is received from a parish council. The 1972 Act does not require a consultation to be undertaken by the District Council when considering such a request. Due consideration however, must be given to the reasons for the request and the outcome of any consultation with residents undertaken by the parish council. These matters are addressed respectively in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 of the report.
- 5.2 If the recommendation is approved the District Council is required to produce a notice confirming the change of name of the parish. This must be published within the parish. The District Council is also required to send copies to the Secretary of State, the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and the Registrar General.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 6.1 Equality and Diversity issues have been considered. However there are no issues associated with this report.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 7.1 It is recommended that:
- (1) the parish of Aiskew be renamed Aiskew and Leeming Bar parish; and
 - (2) a notice be published in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

JUSTIN IVES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Background papers:	Request to change the name of the parish from Aiskew Parish Council
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