

APPENDIX D – THURNHAM RESPONSES

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE – 19 JULY 2018

RESPONSES AGAINST

1	<p>With regards to the Community Governance Review and the proposed change of name of the above to Glasson & Thurnham Parish Council.</p> <p>I strongly object to this proposal – records relating to the Parish of Thurnham date back many hundreds of years with references to the Dalton family of Thurnham Hall in the 1600's</p> <p>The Parish Council should continue to be know as Thurnham Parish Council. Old Glasson was a small farming and fishing community within the Parish of Thurnham.</p>
2	<p>I am a resident in Thurnham and have just received a notice from you regarding the proposed change of name for Thurnham parish council. I have looked at your "Terms of Reference" document and there are several questions which I need to ask, and am asking for a reply to them by the end of this coming week.</p> <p>1) When this matter was discussed at the recent parish council meeting, what percentage of members voted for this change of name, and why they personally felt it best for our community?</p> <p>2) Thurnham is not only a village but also a parish which includes Glasson, Conder Green, Ashton and Stodday. By changing the name of the council, what practical difference will it make to the residents of these areas?</p> <p>3) Why was it decided to use the title "Glasson and Thurnham" and by whom? Thurnham should come first because it is a place that existed as far back as 1086 when it was named in the Domesday Book as Tiernum. Glasson, on the other hand, was initially just a few small cottages for local fishermen until the late 1700 's when the current dock and the Lancaster Canal came into existence. I did note that this new name seems to have already been adopted on page six of your "Terms and Reference" document which I regard as being a little bit premature.</p> <p>4) How much will this "proposed" change of name cost and where will the money come from?</p>
3	<p>I refer to the recent communication from yourselves regarding the proposed name change of the parish council to include Glasson in the title. As a family, we strongly object to the whole procedure on many grounds.</p> <p>Firstly, having read the Governance Review at length, we can see no benefit in simply changing the name to better reflect the area the council serves. No improvement in services will result from the change and the whole process seems a complete waste of money and time.</p> <p>Surely, the manpower and monetary resources ploughed into sending all 294 properties the communication, would have been better spent on repairing potholes and emptying bins in the parish to name but a few. We have seen services dwindle and deteriorate over recent years and this appears to be a waste of money in such a difficult financial climate.</p> <p>Why after many years, does a name change need to be undertaken? We have existed quite well under the title of Thurnham Parish.</p> <p>Additionally, if one is getting really pedantic, when a map of the parish boundaries is looked at closely, it is strange to note that the new name does not include Conder</p>

	Green. This too is a rural and residential area within the parish with its own local name. If the name is being changed to reflect the area, why is this not included in the title? We are not making a suggestion to have another proposed name change, but merely pointing out that even the new proposal is not a true reflection of the area so why make any change at all.
4	<p>I object to the name change of my parish council to Glasson and Thurnham Parish Council.</p> <p>If the name is intended to 'better reflect the area it serves ' then the new parish council name should be : Glasson Dock and Thurnham Parish Council rather than the casual , vague and inaccurate 'Glasson '. This is not a place at all. We live in Glasson Dock, not 'Glasson ' which is an acceptable vernacular name but not the formal one required for a tier of local government.</p>
5	<p>I wish to confirm that I strongly oppose the name change from Thurnham Parish Council to Glasson and Thurnham Parish council. Glasson is a village in the parish of Thurnham and not an aligned parish. The title of Thurnham Parish Council has been adequate for generations and the un necessary, costly name change will not achieve anything. It will in fact, in my opinion, encourage the chance of a greater in balance by the parish councillors than that which has often occurred in the past when decisions have been given priority in favour of Glasson village over the parish as a whole. I wish to confirm my strong objections to the name change.</p>

RESPONSES IN FAVOUR

1	<p>Thank you for the notification of a name change for our parish. We think it is a good idea. However isn't Thurnham the largest by area and so despite it alphabetically bringing up the rear, should it not be Thurnham and Glasson Parish Council?</p>
2	I am totally in favour of the name change of the above.
3	I support the proposal to change the name of "Thurnham Parish Council" to "Glasson and Thurnham Parish Council".
4	I am writing to let you know I have no objection to the change of name of my Parish Council to Glasson and Thurnham Parish Council.
5	Yes we agree to the change of name of parish council to glasson and thurnham parish council
6	We write to advise that we have no objection to this name change. Perhaps it should have been effected many years ago.
7	both in favour of the proposal
8	<p>We would propose that the name, if it has to be changed should be.</p> <p>Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council.</p>

	<p>Thurnham was the original Township in 1715* ,before Glasson existed. History therefore should be followed and acknowledged as primary. We celebrated the Bi Centenary of Glasson Dock in 1987. Thurnham Is much older than this and therefore should be recognised first.</p> <p>*Glasson Dock survival of a village . John Hayhurst O B E Thesis Lancaster University.</p>
9	<p>In response to your recent letter of 30 April 2018 we concur that the proposed name above for the Parish Council is far more appropriate.</p> <p>It should be noted that the correct name of the village is “Glasson” (as shown on Speed’s 1610 map of Lancashire, Yates’ 1786, Greenwood’s and Hennes’ 1829 map. The term “Glasson Dock” refers only to the Scheduled Ancient Monument of the Dock proper, comprising the east and west quays.</p> <p>Further map evidence that the name of the village is “Glasson” as shown on the following Ordnance Survey maps:-</p> <p>O/S Maps 1971 shows “Glasson”</p> <p>Lancashire Sites and Monuments Record shows “Glasson”</p> <p>O/S 1891 shows “Glasson”</p> <p>Edition of 1919 shows “Glasson”</p> <p>Glasson Cons Area shows “Glasson”</p> <p>Land Registry (BW) shows “Glasson”</p> <p>O/S 1955 Shows “Glasson”</p> <p>O/S 1975 shows “Glasson”</p> <p>O/S 1913 shows “Glasson”</p> <p>Moreover according to a slightly out of date electoral register there approximately 216 voters in Glasson and just 14 in Thurnham – a fact which further supports your proposed name change.</p>
10	<p>Thank you for your letter of 30th April which offers an opportunity for residents to participate in the consultation process and I appreciate being able to comment.</p> <p>The name Glasson is a name locally used for Glasson Dock but our local school uses the title “Thurnham Glasson CE Primary School”. You will see on the enclosure that the date is 2007 so the title has been in use for many years, whilst the area of Glasson Dock has not been included in the title of the Parish Council at all and dispenses with “and”.</p> <p>My suggestion is that Thurnham is followed by Glasson as the new Parish name. This title then includes Glasson Dock for the first time on an equal basis and matches that of our local school.</p>
11	<p>Further to your recent letter of 30/4/2018 I support the renaming of the Parish Council to “Glasson and Thurnham Parish Council” from “Thurnham Parish Council”.</p> <p>There are now considerably more houses in Glasson than in Thurnham which perhaps was not the case when the Parish Council was formed hundreds of years ago when Glasson was just a tiny hamlet.</p>
12	<p>Thank you for sending me the draft copy of the community governance review.</p>

The item I am interested in is the proposal to change the name of Thurnham Parish Council. Thurnham was a township before Glasson Dock existed. Glasson was a hamlet situated at Old Glasson Farm.

Glasson Village only came into being when the Port, the shipyard, the canal and the railway were established.

Thurnham Parish Council also incorporates Glasson, Conder Green and Ashton-with-Stodday and deals with matters concerning all the parish.

I understand concerns have arisen because there is another parish names Thurnham and is it causing confusion. The internet has much to answer for – no problems previously existed! If the name does have to change I would suggest it should be Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council to reflect the historical importance of Thurnham, rather than Glasson and Thurnham.