



Committee: COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Date: THURSDAY, 19 JULY 2018

Venue: MORECAMBE TOWN HALL

Time: 6.00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the duration of the 2018/19 municipal year.

3. **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 22 February, 2018 (previously circulated).

4. **Items of Urgent Business Authorised by the Chairman**

5. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

6. **Community Governance Review: Responses to the Second Stage of Consultation (Pages 1 - 25)**

Report of Democratic Services Manager

7. **Appointments to Committees and Changes to Membership**

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors John Reynolds (Chairman), Janet Hall, Joan Jackson, Abi Mills, Jean Parr, Andrew Warriner and Phillipa Williamson

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Andrew Gardiner, Roger Mace, David Whitaker and Nicholas Wilkinson

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Tessa Mott, Democratic Services - 01524 582074 or email tmott@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support, telephone 582170, or alternatively email democraticsupport@lancaster.gov.uk.

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COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Community Governance Review:
Responses to the Second Stage of Consultation
19 July 2018****Report of Democratic Services Manager****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the responses received to the second stage of consultation process and agree the matters for inclusion in the Draft Reorganisation Order

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **To consider all responses received to the second stage consultation and agree any amendments to the draft Terms of Reference, under which the Community Governance Review is to be undertaken, prior to a further period of consultation.**
- (2) **To decide on the method for considering any further responses to the Terms of Reference and agreement of the Draft Reorganisation Order for submission to Council in September 2018.**

1.0 Background

1.1 Council Business Committee considered the Community Governance Review (CGR) of the whole district at its meetings on 03 November 2017 and 22 February 2018. The CGR is undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

1.2 The Committee agreed a timetable for the process. The second stage has now been concluded and responses are included in this report.

2.0 Responses to the second stage of consultation**2.1 Proposal to create Heysham Parish Council**

17 canvassing staff were employed to visit all properties within the proposed boundary of Heysham Parish Council. Where householders were able to answer, canvassers engaged with them to establish their view on the creation of the Parish Council and any comments were recorded. These are shown at Appendix A to the report.

Written comments were also received from a number of households. These generally provided a yes or no response and have been broken down into comments for Yes at Appendix B and Comments for No at Appendix C.

Responses were very mixed, with no overall outcome seen.

2.2 The merging of Yealand Conyers Parish Council and Yealand Redmayne Parish Council into one parish to be titled “Yealand Parish Council”

A total of 12 responses were received from residents in Yealand Redmayne and Conyers and the majority were in support of merging. However, Yealand Conyers Parish Council has now indicated that, although they can see the benefit of working as a merged authority under one heading, they do not feel that the time is currently right for that to happen and would prefer status quo. They are aware of the ability to start the process again by way of a petition and are happy to revisit this in the future.

It is therefore recommended that this proposal is taken no further.

2.3 The renaming of Thurnham Parish Council as “Glasson and Thurnham Parish Council”

A total of 17 responses were received - 12 being in favour of the name change, and 5 against.

However, 4 responders in favour have suggested a variation on the change of name. “Thurnham with Glasson” has been suggested by 2 people, “Thurnham and Glasson” has been suggested by 1 person and “Thurnham Glasson” has been suggested by 1 person.

Copies of the responses received are found at Appendix D.

3.0 Updated Terms of Reference

- 3.1 Once Council Business Committee has decided the issues to be taken further, the draft Terms of Reference can be recirculated for a short time to allow further comment. Any comments received can again be considered by members of the Council Business Committee and a Draft Reorganisation Order prepared.

4.0 Draft Reorganisation Order

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Draft Reorganisation Order will be submitted to Council for approval in September 2018. Approval of the Order will signify the agreement by the Council to the details contained within it and will form the basis for any change to be effective from 01 April 2019.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Before proposing the content of the Draft Reorganisation Order the Council Business Committee has to be clear that the wishes of the people affected by the proposals are being reflected in the outcome.
- 5.2 DCLG Guidance on Community Governance Reviews states that in making its recommendations, the review should consider the information it has

received in the form of expressions of local opinion on the matters considered by the review, representations made by local people and other interested persons, and also use its own knowledge of the local area.

- 5.3 The guidance also states that the aim of the 2007 Act is to open up a wider choice of governance to communities at the most local level. However, the Government considers that there is sufficient flexibility for principal councils not to feel “forced” to recommend that the matters included in every review must be implemented.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT
(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):**

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Chapter 3 of Part 4 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 devolved the power to take decisions about such matters as the creation/amendment of parishes and their electoral arrangements to local government and local communities in England. Principal councils are required, by Section 100(4) of the 2007 Act to have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State when undertaking reviews and the guidance has been followed in the drafting of this report.

Legal services will be consulted over the wording of the Reorganisation Order.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount of £10,000 was included in the 2017/2018 budget and £25,000 in the 2018/2019 budget in order to resource this project. The costs of carrying out the consultations have been met within the budget provision that has been allocated. If, ultimately, a new parish is made there will be implications for council tax setting as the new parishes would have powers to precept, the same as other parishes within the district. Reaching a decision by October 2018 should allow sufficient time for council tax records to be updated prior to the release of the 2019/2020 charge notices. It is expected that the amendment of Council tax records could cost in the region of £15,000 and sufficient funding for this has been included within the budget allocation for 2019/2020.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has seen this report and has no comment to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has seen this report and has no further comment to make.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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APPENDIX A - DOOR KNOCK RESPONSES
COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE - 19 JULY 2018

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Comments
Round 1	66	33	54	Undecided, definitely not interested, both house holders in favour, not interested at all, impartial and not bothered either way, thought it would probably be okay, good idea, in favour, good idea but against the extra charge, in favour in principle, communities are important for local people, not bothered either way, recently moved to area so no opinion on it, undecided, it would be a good thing, not in favour due to extra charge, had difficulty understanding due to language barrier, good to have community involvement and likes dedicated councillors, definitely not in favour - pay enough council tax already, against and can't see the benefit this would have, no objection but no real interest, definitely very much against it - there are already enough councillors, in favour of local councillors, good idea in principle, undecided needs to think about it - concerned about the charge, in favour if it improves the area, moving to another area soon, concerned about additional charges and doesn't want to pay more, not interested, very much in favour, in favour in principle, not interested, against doesn't want additional charge, undecided but seems a good idea if the money is spent well, it's a good idea, undecided, in favour after further explanation, unsure at this time, very against it - too many councillors already, thinks it is a good idea - but more info on charges is needed, in favour but concerned charges will increase, in favour as it will benefit the community, undecided, no opinion as moving out of the area soon, not in favour due to precept charge, moving away as hates vandalism in the area, thinks it will be a good idea, both householders were in favour, uncertain only moved in 3 weeks ago, in favour as long as it benefits the area, thought it would be good for the area, thinks it is a good thing, agrees that it is a good idea, would like to see some money spent on projects for children in the area, both householders agreed it was a good idea, definitely against, against as it is okay as it is, slightly against as doesn't like the different tiers of government, thinks it is a good idea, strongly in favour, against as thinks that there are too many councils, agrees it's a good thing, doesn't want it to change as things are fine as they are, not interested, against as no interest in politics,
Round 2	34	49	44	moving out of the area soon, doubts whether this will be value for money - feels city council should be doing it anyway, only moved in 2 months ago and not aware of local arrangements, unsure going to discuss with family member/look online for more info, thinking about it, supportive and thinks more money needs to be paid at local level, unsure/thinking about it, knew nothing about it and not really interested, thinks it is an excellent idea, unsure just moved to the area, against as not happy about the charge but likes the idea in principle, very much in favour, knew nothing about it - unsure, hadn't heard anything about it, not in favour of any part of the government, not interested, not thought about it, indifferent, wishes to discuss with family member first,
Round 3	71	33	23	Would like to know more, what will the parish council do?, pay enough, not interested, bad idea, yes - on balance, a skeptical yes, no need for precept, a good idea, always thought it was a good idea, has a friend on Overton parish council - wants to discuss it with them, why pay more?, would add another layer of bureaucracy, would like to know how the money would be spent, great idea, not one for change, in theory yes - but would like to know more, yes in principle - although concerned about cost, pays enough - LCC senior staff overpaid, pay enough, doesn't want Heysham spoiling, all for it, time for change, give money to local people,
Round 4	38	11	5	Don't know enough about it, good idea, happy to pay a bit extra, yes - especially if they improve roads, no - there is enough going on, good idea - small price to pay, sceptical - but yes, don't want to pay any more, pay enough council tax already, yes in principle - as long as the money isn't just spent in the village, what do we pay council tax for?, just moved in - good idea, for 30p a week - why not!, more for the elderly - not just kids, not aware of it, it can't do any harm, the City Council will back off, good idea for a small fee, not been here long enough to know, no - already paying for the green bin
Round 5	57	9	10	

Round 6	35	37	54	Doesn't think it'll change anything, not heard anything, not happy with increased ctax, not wanting ctax increase, don't care, not interested, undecided, loves the idea - ASB officers on top of their wish list, thinks it's good, very pleased if a new council is created, good idea - may contact the council for more info,
Round 7	57	56	86	"is it religious?", too expensive, read previous leaflets - agree,
Round 8	41	26	92	Not really bothered, already paying enough - on fixed income, in agreement, no view on subject, ambivalent to the idea, will need to think about it, in full agreement, wants to discuss this with main householder, no views either way, has read about it - in full agreement, needs to research to make informed decision, had no prior leaflet - will need to think about it, needs more time, doesn't want to pay any more, in agreement, had no leaflet - will consider it, doesn't want to pay for "group of folk sitting drinking tea", no views either way, doesn't want to pay extra to line someone's pockets, agree - good idea, no view, doesn't want to pay extra council tax, wants to discuss with husband, wants to think about it, needs time to think it over, don't know yet, "not bothered", needs time to think, hasn't had a leaflet, agrees - good idea, no view, not bothered either way, doesn't think would do any good, yes - would be a good idea, needs more time to think, will consider it, will give it some thought, good idea, householder unsure, does not want parish council, thinks nothing is done by council so doesn't want to pay any more, householder not bothered either way, thinks would be a good idea - as anti-social behaviour in village, needs more time to consider, no view, not interested in parish council, not bothered, no view, full agreement for parish council, agrees if money is purely spent on Heysham, does not want a parish council, not in agreement, wants time to consider, yes would be useful, will think about it, in agreement, does not want a parish council, will think about it, wants a parish council, not bothered, in agreement, will consider but not in favour of rise of council tax, will think about it, in agreement but "does not want Tories in", doesn't want to pay more council tax, will consider, yes - if it sorts out local issues, not interested, will think about it, needs more time to consider, does not agree with extra council tax, no views but will discuss with main householder, needs time to consider - dissatisfied with roads, will consider it, agrees, not bothered either way, only interested if road works were done, happy with existing council, no time to discuss, no views, will consider it, in full agreement, not sure - no issues in the area, wants to discuss with partner, in full agreement, in agreement, both housholders in agreement, not bothered either way, yes - if benefits kids, had no leaflet - will consider, agrees, in agreement, doesn't know yet, doesn't know yet, not bothered, in full agreement, no prior knowledge, both housholders in full agreement, "nobody does any good anyway", yes as would give Heysham a voice, in full agreement, in full agreement, will consider, no views on the matter, just moved in - no prior knowledge - will consider, would welcome a parish council, will consider, will discuss with other householder, does not want a parish council, yes - wants a parish council, no inclination either way, want to discuss with main householder, doesn't want to pay anymore council tax, no views either way, in full agreement, householder not sure, will think about it, no time to discuss views, quite happy to benefit from parish council, needs time to consider, wants a parish council - wants money spending on Heysham, doesn't think it'll make a difference, needs more time to think about it, thinks it would be a good idea, in full agreement, not bothered either way, does not have an opinion, thinks it's worth a go, in full agreement, unsure what a parish council would do, will consider, wants to know what issues would be addressed.

Round 9	45	38	68	Supported housing but all residents vote, against if council tax is going up, happy to pay extra council tax if being used in Heysham, good idea, it is probably needed for the better, don't want to pay anymore council tax, can't see that it will do much good - no money to deal with things due to cuts, yes local people dealing with local issues, it will be a good thing, no not interested, happy to have a local council, don't want to pay anymore, yes they do a lot in the village, not sure - would be if results could be guaranteed, it's not a bad idea, first they had heard of it - not sure, not a bad thing but struggle to pay council tax as they are a single parent, not interested, yes as would like a dog warden, no - it's a good idea but £15 makes it a bad idea, no don't want to pay any more council tax, no because the Heysham Neighbourhood Council has done nothing, doesn't appreciate the increase in council tax, worth it if things could be done locally, no because of council tax, good idea as it is cheap and good value, no as they already pay enough, not value for money, not heard anything about it, not interested, yes if it benefits Heysham, yes it should be good for local area, it would be nice to have a Heysham Council, would focus on what people want in Heysham, very interested, it is a good idea to not belong to Lancaster, likes the idea but doesn't want to pay anymore, good idea, doesn't see the point as not able to change things, it is worth it, yes we need a voice in Heysham, no not happy about paying extra, not received anything from Neighbourhood Council/not had any info, not interested, doesn't think it would be much benefit, not interested, yes we need one but not sure if it would do any good, good idea, that's fine as don't pay council tax, good idea as it is needed, great idea to deal with local issues, will be good and a benefit to the area, good idea - very interested, all for it - £15 is nothing, no not paying extra council tax, no not political
Round 10	105	7	12	Good idea, very good idea, not a good idea - very against, makes no difference, happy for it to go ahead, brilliant idea, thinks Lancaster should look after Heysham instead, local is good, new to area but good idea, not sure will look at leaflet, not bothered, yes - needed in Heysham, in favour, not happy should stay the same, happy for parish council, all family happy with parish council idea, doesn't want council tax to go up, not happy with council at all, supported by both householders, not bothered, mixed ideas - unsure, not sure about the extra cost, happy for it to go ahead,
Round 11	53	12	47	Definitely agrees as pot holes and weeds need sorting out, yes as local people need a voice, yes as current council no power, yes as the neighbourhood group has no sway, yes it would be good, thinks it is a good idea, can only be a good idea, yes it will be worth it, not interested in the slightest, unsure,
Round 12	5	1	2	Street light out and nobody has been to fix it all year, do not agree to precept, it's a good idea, good idea - agree with toilets and dog warden, no bothered, council worth every penny, pay enough council tax, council tax goes up every year,
Round 13	15	20	24	Thought already had one, not value for money at present, 60/40 in favour, services ok as they are
Round 14	26	19	77	will look into it, not interested, don't care, need more information, unaware of it, good idea, unwilling to give opinion, not happy with idea, not interested, may be good for heysham but doesn't want tax increase, hope its worth it, will look further into it, strong opinions on both sides, will look into it, unsure, good for heysham, not interested, not interested, not interested, no opinion as property sold, not interested, will look into it, undecided, undecided, will look into it, will look into it, will look into it, will research, no interest, will look into it, has strong veiws on both sides,
Round 15	32	26	56	Not impressed with HNC to date, lets leave things as they are, roads need sorting, don't get any benefit from it, it would all go to the village so why should we pay, as long as they work for it, don't see the benefit, only if they do something - not paying for them to sit around, already pay enough council tax, not worth the money, don't want to pay more, government will do what they want anyway, just another layer of government, good to have local representation, do not want to pay, Heysham needs more money - Lancaster less, no to more expense, doesn't make a difference, council tax too much already,

Round 16	35	17	53	<p>concerned about current level of ctax- but will look into it, doesn't want it, not interested, will look into it, not interested, does not want to pay more ctax, does not want it, all for it-even with ctax increase, don't want to discuss, will look into it, will look into it, ctax increase would be worth it, will research, generally a positive thing, would be of no benefit as live away from heysham village, cant afford an increase in ctax-88 and funds are tight, why should we pay more ctax, in favour, local people may make a difference, originally from an area with a strong parish so would support it, good idea as long as it doesnt detract from other areas in district, as long as it has positive impace ill be in support of it, in favour as ctax increase is small, very much in favour, positive for it, agrre with it but out of the village so probably wont benefit, not in favour of ctax increase, positive for it, more support the better for the area, good for the area but concern about people not affording ctax increase, just another level of local government-definate no, not bothered, positive but feel it will be Heysham village focussed,dont feel will get anyhting for the £15, no opinion, cant afford increase in ctax, wouldnt benefit, positive idea-but unsure of positive impact, local voice for local issues-positive, concern about ctax increase and wont bring any positives, strongly against due to ineffectivness-inequality in costing via ctax, positive for whole community, absolutely against it, further increase is unacceptable, not interested in discussing, community focus and better community voice-goodthings, for it because of heysham focused work they would do, will research, against any further ctax increase, positive to get things within the community, idea is good, in principle is good idea-but shouldnt be run on party political grounds, positive idea, all for it-positive about additional services locally, good idea-good for area, positive if things will be improved, as long as money is spent for benefit for all, happy with things as they are, unacceptable for any further ctax increase, positive for it, in favour of proposals, not bothered either way, not interested,</p>
Round 17	28	24	9	<p>It's a good idea, just more bureaucracy - waste of time, not bothered either way, the council are a load of scammers so want nothing to do with it or the proposed parish council, not prepared to pay precept, don't think council does much as it is, good idea but not sure it will make much difference, will only be for the village and won't affect us so very against, anything that improves the area is good, another level of bureaucracy, pay enough as it it, its a good idea, not very keen on the idea but undecided, not sure it will benefit as all too centralised and costs keep going up, don't feel we need it, don't get enough as it is for the council tax - not good value for money, it won't break the bank, would be good to have money spent on Heysham, don't want to pay any more council tax, excellent to have a say in what happend locally, another layer of bureaucracy - £15 will be the thin end of the wedge, pay enough, can't see how it would benefit, in favour providing it has real powers and would do something, it's a good idea, against as you don't get as much from a parish council as people are expecting, rather not have it, doesn't feel it is needed and the precept wouldn't be enough, it's a lot of money to come out of a pension, spends enough as it is, don't want to pay more council tax, not worth it, good idea, council tax high enough already,</p>

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APPENDIX B – YES TO HEYSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE – 19 JULY 2018**

1	I have received a flyer this morning and I vote in favour of a parish council in Heysham.
2	YES to the Heysham parish council
3	Agree that Heysham should have its own parish council.
4	We live at XXXXX and we think it would be a good idea for Heysham to have its own Parish Council.
5	<p>My wife and I both think that creating a parish council for Heysham is a brilliant idea, and are 100% in favour of it.</p> <p>We have just returned from a two week touring holiday in central France, and their system of local parishes works brilliantly (they call them Communes) and helps the local representative make decisions on behalf of the local populace, using a small contribution on top of standard council tax.</p>
6	With reference to the visit today from a city council representative I would like to register that I am in favour of a Parish Council being set up for my area in Heysham. I understand that there will be an additional precept on my council tax bill.
7	In regard to the flyer put through my letterbox recently, I would be willing to pay a bit extra on my Council Tax for a Parish Council in Heysham, my vote is a big yes !..
8	<p>I have just received your leaflet about the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham.</p> <p>I would like to say that I am fully supportive of this proposal.</p>
9	We are in favour of the proposed parish council in Heysham.
10	I vote "Yes" for a parish council for Heysham.
11	Our address is XXXXX and we agree to have a parish council in Heysham
12	<p>I have not yet been canvassed on the creation of a Heysham Parish Council. However, I have the advantage of having the Community Governance Review document in which it states that the consultation closes on 31st May.</p> <p>Therefore I am writing on behalf of myself and XXXXX to formally state that we are both content with the arrangements proposed for the creation of a Heysham Parish Council including the ward suggestions and draft precept.</p> <p>I would be grateful if this could be recorded in your log of comments.</p>
13	I am in favour of creating a Parish Council in the Heysham area.
14	This is a vote IN FAVOUR of the proposed Heysham Parish Council
15	<p>My home is in the new proposed parish council area...</p> <p>Your canvasser called but it wasn't a good time to talk.</p>

	Please could you put our vote of 'YES' for Heysham to become a Parish Council.
16	My wife and I can see the benefits of a Heysham Parish Council, have benefitted from a PC in Northamptonshire where we previously lived. Look forward to it going ahead.
17	I have no problems at all with Heysham having a Parish Council and look forward to it, all things being equal. Being able to decide your own spending on things relevant to your area and not being a second / third thought or if anything is leftover in budget Lancaster City Council has to be a plus.
18	<p>I write to register my support for a Parish Council in Heysham. I feel strongly that this, for the small proposed charge, would be well in Heysham's interests; absolutely locally tackling the 'problem' areas that are so important to Heysham residents. Nominated Councillors as volunteers would truly have Heysham's best interest at heart and residents would feel that the village was being looked after by people who really care about the village; also, that they would have more of a direct say. This would be greatly beneficial to both residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>The proposed (initial) £15/year onto our Council Tax bill would, I feel, be a small price to pay for such a service.</p>
19	I am writing to support the creation of a Parish Council in Heysham. I strongly feel that this historic area would benefit from the generation of money to benefit the area - (which sadly over the years has been greatly neglected) - this would give residents a sense of pride and 'ownership' which would hopefully also then encourage more tourism to the village.
20	<p>I am e-mailing to confirm that we do agree for a Parish Council in Heysham as per your recent Leaflet received on the 11th May 2018.</p> <p>The main reason is that its a good proposal that if we have one Locally...and that they will have our Local Views (if we ask),taken in the future as and when if required and that's very good.</p> <p>I googled the population recently of Heysham as being 6,764,,,Morecambe as 34,770 and ,,,,Lancaster as 59,218 for further confirmation that it is a good suggestion to have our own Parish Council.....</p> <p>Our Current House Council Tax is D-£1760.19,,, so this will increase by £15-Annually,,, which is not a problem,as long as it stays at this for the future -obviously plus inflation.</p> <p>All the best to the Local Politicians.</p>
21	Unfortunately I missed the representatives from Lancaster City Council. I will support a Parish Council for Heysham.
22	I would like to say that a parish council for Heysham is an excellent idea.
23	We confirm that we would like to see a parish council created for our area, it can only be a good thing to have some control over local development. We look forward to hearing the decision.

24	I agree to the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham.
25	I would like to add my support for the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham.
26	With regard to the proposed Heysham Parish Council, we would both be in favour of such a council being set up.
27	No one has been to my door asking for my opinion about a Parish Council for Heysham but I think - yes.
28	This is to confirm I would like a parish council in Heysham.
29	Thank you for the letter. Yes I would like us to have a parish councillor. But hope the ones putting up for the election are people who have been born and bred here and not an outsider just getting into politics which in my opinion is completely unacceptable.
30	<p>I am responding to a flyer through my door, regarding the formation of a Parish Council.</p> <p>What concerns me is the lack of information as to what this council would do and who would be on the council and are there certain criteria as to how any money would be spent.</p> <p>What also concerns me is the fact it would be allowed to set the precept, would this go to the Parish as a whole to decide or be solely decided by those sitting on the council and would there be a cap on what this amount would be.</p> <p>Would the representatives be elected and how?</p> <p>Is there really a need for this Parish Council, how would we be benefit.</p>
31	<p>Further to the leaflet regarding the possibility of Heysham forming a Parish Council could you please give me and others more information.</p> <p>What are the funds raised to be used for and what things can the monies not be used for?</p> <p>Could the monies be ring fenced for specific projects and what sort of projects do you envisage the funds would be used for?</p> <p>What proportion of the monies raised would be used for expenses and costs administering the Parish Council and would there be set limits?</p> <p>Whilst I agree in principle will there be more information presented to the public before any decision on the way we vote</p>

APPENDIX C – NO TO HEYSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE – 19 JULY 2018

1	<p>Hi I have had the flyer through for Heysham parish council proposals. I want my view taken into account which I strongly and firmly state that I do NOT want this Heysham parish council created. £15 a year is an absolute rip off and I cannot afford any further increases in the council tax, which has just risen above inflation again. The minimum wage has gone up and I will be worse off! Everything is going up above inflation and I have already had to use food banks in the past, despite working! Please abandon this silly idea ASAP!</p>
2	<p>Hello. I do not agree with a parish council in Heysham it is just one more layer of unnecessary bureaucracy. It will be people who have a vested interest in protecting their pet projects and the rest of us paying for them.</p>
3	<p>We received a visit from someone representing Lancaster Council seeking our view on whether we want a parish council for Heysham. She stated that there would be a rise in our council tax accordingly.</p> <p>I wish to record that we are totally against this. Council Tax is already very high, and we have just endured another rise this year. We would struggle to pay any more, so please regard us as voting strongly against this initiative.</p>
4	<p>I would like to vote against a parish council for Heysham.</p>
5	<p>Unfortunately we missed the LCC representative and the leaflet posted through our letterbox does not provide enough information to enable us to make a decision to whether or not we would agree for Heysham to become a Parish Council. Before a definite decision is made are you going to provide any more information? Will a meeting be held in the Heysham area for all the residents? Will a detailed proposal be provided so we know where our extra money will be spent? Will ALL residents benefit from the improvements? Will ALL residents incur the extra charge or will some be exempt? If you are not able to answer these questions then please accept that we, living at XXXXXX DO NOT agree for Heysham to become a Parish Council. Please feel free to email me back if required.</p>
6	<p>Hi I do not think that a parish council would be of any benefit to our area for the reasons below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Morecambe council is a parish and does not do anything for our roads or our schools etc. 2. This proposal will cost us living in Heysham more money on our rates and we have just had an extortionate rate rise again this year, so the benefits do not outweigh the cost. 3. From the information given prior to this leaflet there are very little the parish council can do for us without it costing us in the long run. 4. The parish Councillors would be voted in by the minority not the majority thus not working for the area but for those that voted, and are in the "click" just like

	<p>Morecambe council. That is no just heresay, it's a proven fact. After writing to every councillor in the region not one of them replied.</p> <p>On a personal note I do not want to pay more in rates to have a council that cannot or will not act on things for us. We have enough of this being controlled by Preston without anyone saying no and acting for the area.</p>
7	<p>I have received a leaflet through my door explaining about the Heysham Parish Council proposal and I am emailing to share my partner's and my own views on the proposal.</p> <p>We do not think Heysham needs a Parish Council and strongly believe efforts could be placed elsewhere - where they are actually needed, rather than in an area that is already well maintained and respected by the general public.</p>
8	<p>I wish to register my strong objection to the creation of a Parish Council in the Heysham area.</p> <p>We should be working towards a reduction of council tax rates unless it is for essential services and not for the formation of what is usually run like a private members club spending money on things that don't really matter.</p> <p>A parish council is another layer of bureaucracy which isn't needed especially now when budgets are as tight as they are.</p>
9	<p>I don't want a parish Council for Heysham.</p>
10	<p>Thank you for posting a leaflet regarding the proposition of creating a Parish Council for Heysham.</p> <p>Neither myself nor my wife can support this venture as we feel it is creating another tier of actual expenditure with no specific beneficial aims - only aspirations.</p> <p>The proposals reminds us of the eighteenth century speculative days of the "South Sea Bubble" where share holdings in companies were offered to a gullible public under the description "the end purpose of your investment will henceforward be promulgated".</p> <p>The scheme if enacted will carry a direct charge to the Council Tax with no upper ceiling, an unspecified amount of expenses and inaugural expenditure resulting with any potential residual funds being subjected in the words of Labour's esteemed National leader to another "meaningful discussion" resulting in ineffectual actions.</p> <p>Thanking you for giving us the opportunity to express our disapproval.</p>
11	<p>Having a Parish Council would be ridiculous if it performed along the lines that the local council does. It's a disgrace that 40 pound charges have been added for green bins and scandalous that hard plastics have been excluded from the Salt Ayre recycling plant. Food waste is no longer recycled. The council have brought shame on this area in terms of cleaning up on recycling, and now you ask if residents would be willing to pay even more?</p> <p>It is also ironic that the pictures on the sheet asking if we want a Parish Council show the most concentrated area possible. Heysham extends a bit further than the village centre in case you didn't know. They need to get on with providing services that we already pay too much for.</p>
12	<p>I would like to give my view on the proposal to create a Parish Council in Heysham area.</p>

	<p>We live in XXXX Avenue and I don't mind to create a parish council as long as people who want to be involved pay extra for tax. I don't want to be part of a parish council and I don't want to pay any more for tax as I think the cost for council tax bill is really high. We are family with 2 children and we pay a lot for mortgage, council tax and bills like electricity and gas. This year you even increased the bill for about £10 which is a lot. I don't have any pay rise or if is a government one it doesn't cover the increase in tax and other bills. We already paying a lot for green bins since last year as you find a way to charge people. Please could you let me know how possible is that Heysham area will be a parish council as I will consider to sell the property before you increase the tax bill.</p>
13	<p>I am writing you today because of the consultation regarding Heysham becoming a Parish Council. I have heard that this is taking place but, at least from my perspective, there has been little public notice (I have seen an article in the paper a few months back and I do recognise it has been in some of the minutes of the HNC and Lancaster Council if you know how to access them but overall the residents I have spoken to only know it through word of mouth). I also understand that there is an intent to canvas the residents regarding their position on this that has been advertised as being taken place through April and May. I'm not sure of the intended percentage target or even if has begun because myself, nor my neighbours I have spoken to have been approached. Seeing it is now mid-May and I will be heading off on holidays shortly I wanted to try and provide my position and I was given your name by a HNC member.</p> <p>I would like to register my opposition to Heysham becoming a Parish Council. My position would be a no vote.</p> <p>Thank you for consideration in this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns</p>
14	<p>Hi I don't think an additional charge for something that should all ready by happening in the Heysham area. We have representation but you don't see things being done. Cost is the reason why things are so bad around here. It's about getting the money from central government and knowing how to go about it. People would show an interest if they could see things happening like roads eg potholes. Grass cutting eg putting out to cheaper contractor start at the simple things. The idea is ok but in principle you're just adding to the overall costing for the area. Thanks for the time that the people coming around handing out the leaflets. Change doesn't have to cost anything just do your jobs that we are paying you for. I don't want an extra parish council for Heysham, we have a council that isn't doing what they said they would do</p>
15	<p>I would like to totally object to the proposal to create a parish council for Heysham in the strongest manner possible totally against it. Terrible idea</p>
16	<p>I sadly have to be against the parish council as I don't want my council tax to go up even more</p>
17	<p>I have received a leaflet asking me if I wanted a Parish Council for Heysham.....my answer is NO. It appears that this would be an unelected body, based on a random poll of 10% or more!!! This doesn't seem a very democratic system that I would have to pay for, even if 90% of the area didn't want it, or were indifferent.</p>

	My council tax bill is high enough without having to fund an unelected committee which would not be representative of the whole community.
18	AGAINST the parish council as she feels 'it is just another level of bureaucracy
19	I am sorry but I do not agree with having a Parish Council. Any problems have been brought to the attention of our local councilors, therefore my answer is a NO. Thank you.
20	In regards to voting for a parish council in the Heysham area I am proposing a no vote for this I am struggling to pay the council tax as it is and this is my only reason for the no vote.
21	I am opposed to the proposal. We already have surfeit of government . It appears to be an excuse for offloading responsibilities which have previously been undertaken by the City Council while increasing the Community Charge in the guise of providing the service via another tier of Government.
22	I am writing in regards to the proposal of having a parish council. We are not happy to pay extra council tax for a parish council which I feel will not benefit the area. The money is to benefit the church and the parish which we do not attend. I believe this will be the view of most people in the area that don't attend the church.
23	I oppose the proposal on the following grounds. No indication of who made the proposal. No specification of why it is needed in Heysham. No effective way of ensuring the majority of potential parish voters approve. Disproportionate percentage of revenue will be spent on administration.
24	I don't think a Parish council will improve Heysham. Therefore I say no.
25	My view is that we should definitely not have a parish council put in place. I've remained indifferent until seeing it would increase our council tax bill. Council tax is already astronomical and has only increased year on year, the last thing I'll do is agree to something that will add to that.
26	Re the recent leaflet about the proposed Parish Council for Heysham - I do not want this to go ahead - it seems that we will be paying twice for services that should already be under the control of the City and County Councils - why pay twice? The system seems flawed - it will go through if no-one objects? The leaflet does not make it clear that members of the community are expected to be pro-active regarding this issue. Don't really see the need for a Parish Council - sorry.
27	I have recently received notification of the proposal to create a Parish Council for Heysham. I would like to state my objections to this proposal for the following reasons:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It does not appear that the proper electoral process is being used to establish the views of the community • There is no indication of what percentage of the community are required to vote in favour of this proposal before it can be implemented or how the percentage will be recorded and reported back to the community • This appears to be an additional level of bureaucracy being implemented and run by a minority, paid for by the rest of the community • Additionally, the areas of control such as public conveniences and roads etc. should already be covered by the City and County Councils - are we therefore expected to pay twice for the same level of service? • The way the process is being conducted suggests that a large proportion of the community might not realise that they have to take positive action to disagree with the proposal otherwise it could be imposed on them anyway <p>The only way I would consider supporting the implementation of a Parish Council would be if it was decided, via the equivalent of a legal referendum with all community members having the opportunity to vote on this issue. Such a vote should also be subject to the scrutiny by the Electoral Commission.</p>
28	<p>I contact you in relation to the proposal for a Parish Council for Heysham. I am not in favour because:</p> <p>I do not think we need another tier of bureaucracy. Likely to be another "talking shop"...with little in the way of action. Are Parish Councillors paid? or can claim expenses? When this question was put to a representative who called she was unable to answer! The precept. Is this the thin end of a wedge when ongoing yearly increases will be seen as the norm? In line with inflation? Not enough information on the possible benefits for the area. Surely this should be at the top of the list. I have gained the impression that the main aim is to create a Heysham Parish Council when surely it must be focused on what the area requires and how it might be achieved. Party political involvement? No thank you.</p>
29	Please can you put me down as a No.
30	<p>I follow the activities of Heysham Neighbourhood council with some interest.</p> <p>The HNC constitution describes it covering a wide area, but it seems to concern itself almost solely with the centre of Heysham village.</p> <p>It appears from the accounts that approximately £3000 per year, almost all of the council grant, is paid to the chairman of the Neighbourhood Council for carrying out cleaning duties in the village toilets. This is at best a conflict of interests.</p> <p>What is the purpose of events on the village field? The main beneficiaries seem to be local traders.</p> <p>HNC accounts also record cheque 1336, 2411/2017 for £288 and cheque 1337, 7/12/2018 for £155 both paid to "unknown". The HNC constitution requires accurate accounts to be kept.</p>

	<p>In my view the Heysham Neighbourhood Council is not in its present guise an organisation that should be turned into a Parish Council and funded by a precept. It needs a period of strong leadership, proper accounting and separation of management from paid roles.</p> <p>I am strongly against the proposal to form a Parish council.</p>
31	<p>You have asked me to express my opinion of having a Heysham Parish Council. I would like it made very clear that I am opposed to the creation of such an authority. I am, and have always been opposed to the creation of unnecessary tiers of Government. I believe that Lancaster City Council has a responsibility to deliver quality leadership throughout the council area, including Heysham. I also feel the Parish Council, given literature put through my door by interested parties, would concentrate its efforts very much in the centre of the old village, to the detriment of the wider, and widening Heysham community.</p> <p>I hope you take my opinions into account.</p>
32	<p>I have received a leaflet regarding the proposal for a parish council in my local area of Heysham and I would like my vote to be included in the results. I disagree with the need to have a Parish council and would like to vote against it.</p>
33	<p>I wish to register my disagreement to the creation of a Heysham parish council.</p>
34	<p>We are NOT in agreement to the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham.</p>
35	<p>I received a leaflet through the letter box regarding a proposal to create a new parish council in the Heysham area.</p> <p>I have not had a visit from a Lancaster city council representative, or did I miss the visit when the leaflet was posted?</p> <p>On the grounds of not knowing what benefit a new parish council will offer that is not already provided by the local council I object to the creation of the parish council, and also object to an increase in council tax for an amount that is unspecified after the first year provisional tax.</p>
36	<p>I do not agree for a parish council to be created within Heysham, as I don't want to pay a precept for something I don't believe in.</p>
37	<p>I have received a leaflet through the door to seek views on establishing a parish council. It also says that "representatives" will call. Both methods are flawed and will not produce a representative result. You have used a postal service that repeatedly demonstrates by non delivery that it is flawed. I will be at work when the representative calls. If my wife is in; does she represent me?</p> <p>This non consultation should be shelved until an election takes place.</p> <p>Should you proceed I will refer this to the ombudsman, and then to a magistrate as an aggrieved person, who has been affected by a flawed process.</p> <p>Who requested a parish council?</p> <p>I am opposed to any parish council.</p>
38	<p>I do not feel that it would be a good idea to create a parish council for Heysham.</p>

39	Both my wife and I disagree on introducing a parish council.
40	<p>Not in favour of this.</p> <p>Coming approximately 6 months after a begging leaflet was circulated by St Peter's Church, I suspect this is really about allowing some local churchgoers / Rotary Club types to have access to public money, so that under some of the powers of a Parish precept they can spend funds on the churchyard and maintaining graves at a time when the dwindling congregation cannot sustain it.</p> <p>I don't believe a Parish council would lead to more spending in Heysham on the things we actually need. Having lived here 55 years I'd struggle to name a single new thing LCC has in fact spent money on in Heysham since it took over, so it perhaps couldn't be any worse, but in these austere times people should not have to pay extra for some localised quango to determine what the money is spent on.</p> <p>What is needed is to separate Morecambe & Heysham from Lancaster City Council, so the endless cuckoo drain of jobs and commerce to 'historic' Lancaster ends, the true engine of local traffic problems. The demise of both Morecambe and Heysham can be traced to the day LCC took over. I don't believe having a Parish council will break that stranglehold, only introduce a new set of issues and at extra cost.</p>
41	Re. Parish council for Heysham. As I see it , it will be just another way of milking more money out of us, which will no doubt rise significantly hear by year, as seen with the green refuse collections. I do not believe we would gain anything from it.
42	We do not agree with the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham, because of the additional charge it would incur on the council tax.
43	We live in Heysham and say no to a parish.
44	I live in Heysham and myself and partner say no to a parish in Heysham.
45	I received a leaflet through my door today asking my opinion on the proposed Heysham Parish council. I would strongly oppose any increase of my bills as someone who lives off the national "living" wage I can barely afford to live in the band A house that I rent for £550 a month. As a single man in my 30s living alone I am not eligible for any benefits and refuse to demean myself by living in some grotty house share. Residents of Lancaster district already pay above the odds council tax. What benefit would a parish council bring? Unless it gets the dozens of pot holes on Kingsway and Oxcliffe road fixed everything seems to be functioning as well as can be expected.
46	I did originally agree that this would be a good idea and told your canvasser but I have since changed my mind, I now do NOT agree with this.
47	<p>Apologies for the lateness in this letter, but I have only just returned from a short camping break.</p> <p>I represent XXXX on Morecambe Town Council and quite a few local people have shown concern about the creation of Heysham Parish Council in the area where I live which is XXXX. I am also an active member of XXXXX, where quite a few of the</p>

	<p>contingent have also shown concerns - all with the same view that all the money would be spent in Heysham Village.</p> <p>What I am worried about is that when we were packing up our car for our short break a posse of Labour councillors and representatives armed with Labour clipboards descended into XXXXX where I live distributing Labour themed leaflets and were campaigning for the creation of Heysham Parish Council. I know: Labour hold the majority on Morecambe Town Council but surely playing the political card, shouldn't be allowed.</p> <p>No literature was left at my home address, of which I'm not surprised, after the intimidation I received after the XXXX by election, of which I was told by the election office to withdraw my leaflet after a complaint of its content.</p> <p>Literature was left at my mother's home which consisted of a Labour Heysham Matters newsletter, a leaflet from XXXX stating their intent to stand in 2019 for XXXXX, along with a LCC Do you want a parish council for Heysham leaflet.</p> <p>I am slightly worried that the decision to create a Parish Council for Heysham is being created not for the benefits of the local Heysham people but for the benefit of a few influential people who seem to be able to get away with manipulating the system to their gain, both politically and financial.</p>
48	<p>Regarding the above matter. We regret that that we do not support the creation of a Parish Council for Heysham.</p> <p>This is chiefly on two grounds 1, Cost and 2.The probability that such a Parish Council would most likely need to rely on existing County and City Council services to carry out its most important intended functions.</p> <p>Many of these functions are statutory (like policing, highways maintenance and enforcement of byelaws for example) and we feel we pay enough at present (considering we are paying an extra £40 a year for garden refuse collection).</p> <p>A specific example might be enforcement of the dog fouling byelaws by fixed penalty notices (something which is a particular cause of concern in Heysham). Surely such a Parish Council could only rely on your Environmental Health Department for such enforcement. It would probably not have the capability to attempt to serve fixed penalty notices on offenders itself.</p> <p>On cost and value for money of the services we receive (or should receive), we are both concerned about things like the state of highways (dangerous pot holes in School Road-which we have made representations about to our ward County Councillor) and policing.</p> <p>We appreciate that this is part of your Governance Review, which we congratulate you for instituting, but we cannot support the creation of another tier of local government which we feel will make little difference locally and add to our Council Tax liability.</p>
49	<p>With reference to organisations perception of the formation Heysham Parish Council.</p>

	<p>Now tell me Lisa Vines why should Heysham residents have they're rights and form of control removed from them, to be controlled by a set of doddering old fuddy duddies.</p> <p>The creation of Heysham Parish Council is an act of political imbecility. Please photocopy this and return you pathetic piece of work Lisa Vines.</p>
50	<p>We are strongly against a parish council for Heysham. The costs mentioned to us are ridiculous and with the added costs ie Council Tax and grass cutting recycling etc etc which is on the increase year after year, it is out of the question.</p>
51	<p>Hi, I have been waiting for weeks now to asked whether or not Heysham should become a Parish council. Being retired I am home most of every day and neither I nor my neighbours have been approached. Do you have a schedule of dates and areas to be canvassed? If so may I have a copy?</p> <p>To obtain a yes" what is the percentage requirement of the electorate?</p> <p>By adding a precept Parish tax, I believe we should have a postal vote as this will be more exact.</p> <p>The precept parish tax is to be in the region of £18.96 from 6000 households is £110,000 approx. how did you arrive at this figure? Or was it decided by HNC?</p> <p>Very little information has been circulated, especially when, without a further referendum Parish tax may be increased year after year. Obviously it could go down, but I very much doubt it.</p> <p>So many questions, but I won't go on and on.</p>
52	<p>Much as I would would like to hold an opinion and be able to offer a view regarding the proposed Heysham Parish Council, I can't, because I have no idea what is being proposed, or what might be its purpose. But I have concerns.</p> <p>From where will the, presumably, shortlist of representatives be drawn, and how will I know whether or not they will represent me? Are they intended to represent me, or local businesses? Will their purpose be to promote car-boot sales, Viking festivals and rock concerts at the Royal and the cricket club, and will their purpose be to improve those venues chances of obtaining late music licenses, and to promote the existing businesses in the village? Will they be in a better position than hitherto to get potholes mended, improve toilet facilities for visitors to the village, and to curtail antisocial behaviour? If so, then how?</p> <p>And why is this an improvement over the present Council structure? What will be their jurisdiction, and what powers will they hold?</p> <p>I might or might not be in favour of all or none of these things, but my point is that I, and I suspect most Heysham residents, don't have nearly enough information on which to base a decision. And to be cynically blunt, how much has already been decided?</p>
53	<p>Hi, I was very interested in seeing a leaflet in relation to 'Do you want a parish council for Heysham?</p> <p>I am however a little concerned as to the ACTUAL costings of the precept?</p> <p>My leaflet/flyer states..... 'If the majority of residents agree that a parish council should be created, the precept for 2019/2020 would be around £15 for a Council Tax Band D equivalent property.'</p> <p>HOWEVER the information from the website states a figure almost double!</p>

	<p>What would the parish precept be for 2019?</p> <p>1, Heysham Parish Council Once the parish is established and a plan for the future is agreed, the parish council will decide what level of funding is needed and will request a precept to be levied which reflects those plans. That precept (or income requirement) is then raised by charging a parish council tax rate to households within the parished area. As an indication of the tax rate that could be levied against each household in the area of the new parish, in the current year Band D parish tax rates range from £0 to £77.80 across the Lancaster district. The average parish tax rate is £27.58 per annum,</p> <p>I think it's very misleading and would like clarification before I make my INFORMED decision.</p>
54	<p>I wish to register my objections to the proposal to create a parish council for Heysham because -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As I live in Heysham North ward, according to my Council tax bill, I am already paying for Morecambe Town Council and I refuse to pay for both. 2. Morecambe Town Council has proved to be a total waste of time and money as I knew it would be. This would be too. 3. The services they are proposing could be provided by the City Council. It is up to the ward councillors to make the case for the resources to do so. Why haven't they done so before now? 4. It will be just another talking shop with all talk and little action and if the MBIs get involved as they will seek to do they will again end up squabbling among each other bringing councils into disrepute as they did in Morecambe. 5. If there must be a parish council it would be more cost effective to extend the present Town Council area, saving administration etc costs. Indeed some of their proposals would work better that way eg the asbo officials. Alternatively, the City Council could allocate a sum to each ward without a parish council and allow the City ward councillors to decide how to spend it each year after consulting residents
55	<p>Thank you for your leaflet. I thought Dalton Road is now in Heysham North, Morecambe Town Council.</p>

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	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.

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” Lancashire Sites and Monuments Record shows “Glasson” O/S 1891 shows “Glasson” Edition of 1919 shows “Glasson” Glasson Cons Area shows “Glasson” Land Registry (BW) shows “Glasson” O/S 1955 Shows “Glasson” O/S 1975 shows “Glasson” 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.