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Ian Bigwood, Electoral Services Manager

Sevenoaks District Council Offices

Dear Mr Bigwood,

Localism Act of November 2011

We are writing to raise two points which would seem to come within the scope of the above Act, The first is personal to us, the latter is a more general point arising out of the current situation caused by the outrageous proposals by the Peshurst parish council for the use of Forge Field in Peshurst.

As long term residents of the above address , 39 years this August, we hadn't previously had cause to consider the anomaly - being as we are the former lodge to Redleaf House which is in the parish of Peshurst - of not ourselves being in the same parish. This is also the case for our neighbour at Woodside Kennels. This really makes no sense at all. The obvious solution would be for the parish boundary to become coterminous with the Edenbridge Road at the adjacent corner with the Peshurst Road, thus incorporating both North Lodge and Woodside Kennels in the parish of Peshurst, which is where we have always had a natural and day by day attachment. We hope it may be possible to make this alteration, which our neighbours also fully support.

Our second point arises out of the anomalous situation referred to above, where the Peshurst parish council, totally against the vociferously expressed wishes of a large majority in the village, have supported a planning application for the development of Forge Field. This flies in the face of the wishes of an the overwhelming majority of villagers. What if anything will the Localism Act do to rectify such a situation in future, which seems to run totally counter to the government's intention for the Act. It is surely the parish council's role to reflect and support the wishes of people living in the locality. The action taken in this instance was entirely undemocratic bordering on the totalitarian and has caused widespread dissatisfaction.

We should be grateful for your comments and any appropriate action that may be called for.

Yours sincerely,

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Brian Cooper

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Mrs. Janet Cooper

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23-01-'12

Dear Mr Bigwood

I am writing to confirm our support for the proposed change of parish council boundary as highlighted in Mr B Cooper's letter of the 06-01-'12

We take an active part in the village life of Penshurst and find it strange that when it comes to voting etc. we have to go to Leigh.

We would appreciate it if you could put forward our support for the minor change in the boundary that would allow us to come within the parish of Penshurst.

Yours Sincerely



G J Larby

Mrs A A Larby

Ian Bigwood

Subject: FW: Community Governance Review

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2012 15:44
To: Ian Bigwood; Parish.Council, Leigh
Subject: Re: Community Governance Review

Good Afternoon Everyone

The above issue was discussed at our meeting last night and members agreed that it was logical to include these two properties in Penshurst parish on the assumption there was no opposition elsewhere.

They considered both the geographical aspect of the proposal and the involvement of the families in the activities in Penshurst in making their decision.

I trust this response is of assistance to you

Regards
Evelyn
Penshurst Clerk

Ian Bigwood

From: Louise Kleinschmidt [louise.leighclerk@hotmail.com]
Sent: 22 February 2012 12:38
To: Ian Bigwood
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review
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Hi Ian,
Really because the parish boundary is historic and the members do not think it should be changed just because the residents feel that they have an attachment to the neighbouring parish.

Kind regards,
Louise.

From: ian.bigwood@sevenoaks.gov.uk
To: Louise.leighclerk@hotmail.com
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2012 13:42:01 +0000

Hi Louise

Thank you for your e-mail. In order for the Members of this Council's Electoral Arrangements Committee to determine this issue, would you please let me know the reasons behind your Members' view that the two properties in question should not transfer from Leigh Parish into Peshurst Parish.

Thanks very much for your help in this matter.

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From: Louise Kleinschmidt [mailto:louise.leighclerk@hotmail.com]
Sent: 07 February 2012 17:18
To: Parish.Council, Peshurst; Ian Bigwood
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review

Dear Ian and Evelyn,
We too discussed this last night, and Leigh Parish Council were not at all supportive of the request for these two properties to be included in the Peshurst parish. Sorry! The Parish Council does not think that the parish boundary should be changed.
We'll await to hear the findings of the review in due course.
Best wishes,
Louise
Leigh Clerk

Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2012 15:44:06 +0000
From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Community Governance Review
To: ian.bigwood@sevenoaks.gov.uk; Louise.leighclerk@hotmail.com

Good Afternoon Everyone