

Shoreham Parish Council



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2 February 2012

By post and email elreg@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dear Mr Bigwood,

In response to your notice of 30 November 2011 in relation to the Sevenoaks District Council Community Governance Review, Shoreham Parish Council has the following representations and views:

1. The number of parish councillors for each ward should more fairly represent the number of electors in each ward by changing the number of members elected from each ward to 5 for Shoreham, 3 for Badgers Mount and 1 for Well Hill wards.
2. The boundary of the parish should be changed to exclude Austin Lodge Golf Clubhouse from Shoreham ward (to Eynsford Parish).
3. Include in the Shoreham ward the area between the red and yellow lines, in the Well Hill Hundreds Ward (from Crockenhill Parish). See attached map 1.
4. Include in the Shoreham ward all properties on both sides of Twitton Lane (from Otford Parish). See attached map 2.
5. Include in the Shoreham ward all of East Hill Road (from West Kingsdown Parish).
6. Amend the boundary with Otford at Paines Farm (Rowdow Lane) to remove the garden of the farm from Shoreham ward and include it in the Otford ward. See attached map 3.

I trust these are clear and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

J Godfrey
Clerk

Attachments: 3 maps
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Ian Bigwood

From: Jenny Godfrey [clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 February 2012 08:55
To: Ian Bigwood
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review
Attachments: ATT00134.gif; EastHill.gif

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your email. In response (using your numbering) I can advise that:

1. yes

2. Shoreham Parish Council did not have any specific new boundaries regarding these changes. For Austin Lodge Golf Clubhouse, Shoreham Parish Council would like to retain as much as the actual golf course that is already within our parish but to move the Austin Lodge Golf Clubhouse and associated outbuilding to Eynsford Parish. This is to aid consultation on planning where, due to the access to the Golf Club, Eynsford Parish are more likely to be more affected by planning applications for the Golf Club than Shoreham Parish. Perhaps, with your knowledge of the requirements of boundaries, you could suggest a few options to our council. I have attached a map with a possible suggestion. The existing boundary is shown as a red line and the orange line is a possible new boundary. The orange line follows the line of a PROW, an existing hedge, another PROW and the boundary of Lower Wood.

With reference to East Hill Road, Shoreham Parish Council believes that better local services can be provided to all residents of East Hill Road (a cul-de-sac) if all properties were within Shoreham Parish. Perhaps, with your knowledge of the requirements of boundaries, you could suggest a few options to our council. I have attached a map with a possible suggestion. The existing boundary is shown as a red line and the orange line is a possible new boundary. The orange line starts at the triple point of Shoreham, Eynsford and West Kingsdown Parishes and follows the line of the existing Eynsford - West Kingsdown boundary then follows field boundaries around Hog Wood before entering High Castle Wood - where it follows a track. It then follows field boundaries and the boundary of Pecken Wood until it reaches the existing Shoreham - West Kingsdown parish boundary.

3. The proposal would include all properties in East Hill Road that are currently in West Kingsdown Parish.

4. Our Chairman (Cllr Hobson) has had informal talks with the Chairman of Eynsford, Crockenhill and Otford. As these were informal talks there was no outcome except to formulate some ideas that were related to members of Shoreham Parish Council. As the Chairman's talks were informal, neither I nor the Chairman can say if Eynsford, Crockenhill and Otford Parishes would be supportive or against our suggestions.

Our Chairman had contact with the Chairman of West Kingsdown after the Shoreham Parish Council meeting that decided on our suggestions. Therefore there was no input from West Kingsdown regarding Shoreham Parish Council suggestion for East Hill Road. Our Chairman did inform the West Kingsdown Chairman of the changes to East Hill Road that we would be suggesting to yourself.

I trust this clarifies the points you raised.

Regards

Jenny Godfrey

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From: Ian Bigwood [mailto:ian.bigwood@sevenoaks.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 February 2012 14:55

To: Parish.Council, Shoreham

Subject: RE: Community Governance Review

Good afternoon Jenny

I confirm receipt of Shoreham Parish Council's submission in respect of the Community Governance Review. I have a few matters I should like to clarify:

1. Your Members are proposing, in effect, a reduction of parish councillors from 10 to 9.
2. Would you please provide plans of the proposed changes involving Austin Lodge Golf Clubhouse and East Hill Road.
3. Would you please list the properties affected by each of the proposals.
4. Have you consulted with affected parishes (namely Eynsford, Crockenhill, Otford and West Kingsdown) and, if so, what is the outcome of the discussions?

I do need to be clear as to the precise boundary proposals that are to be presented to the Electoral Arrangements Committee in late March.

Thanks very much for your help.

Ian Bigwood

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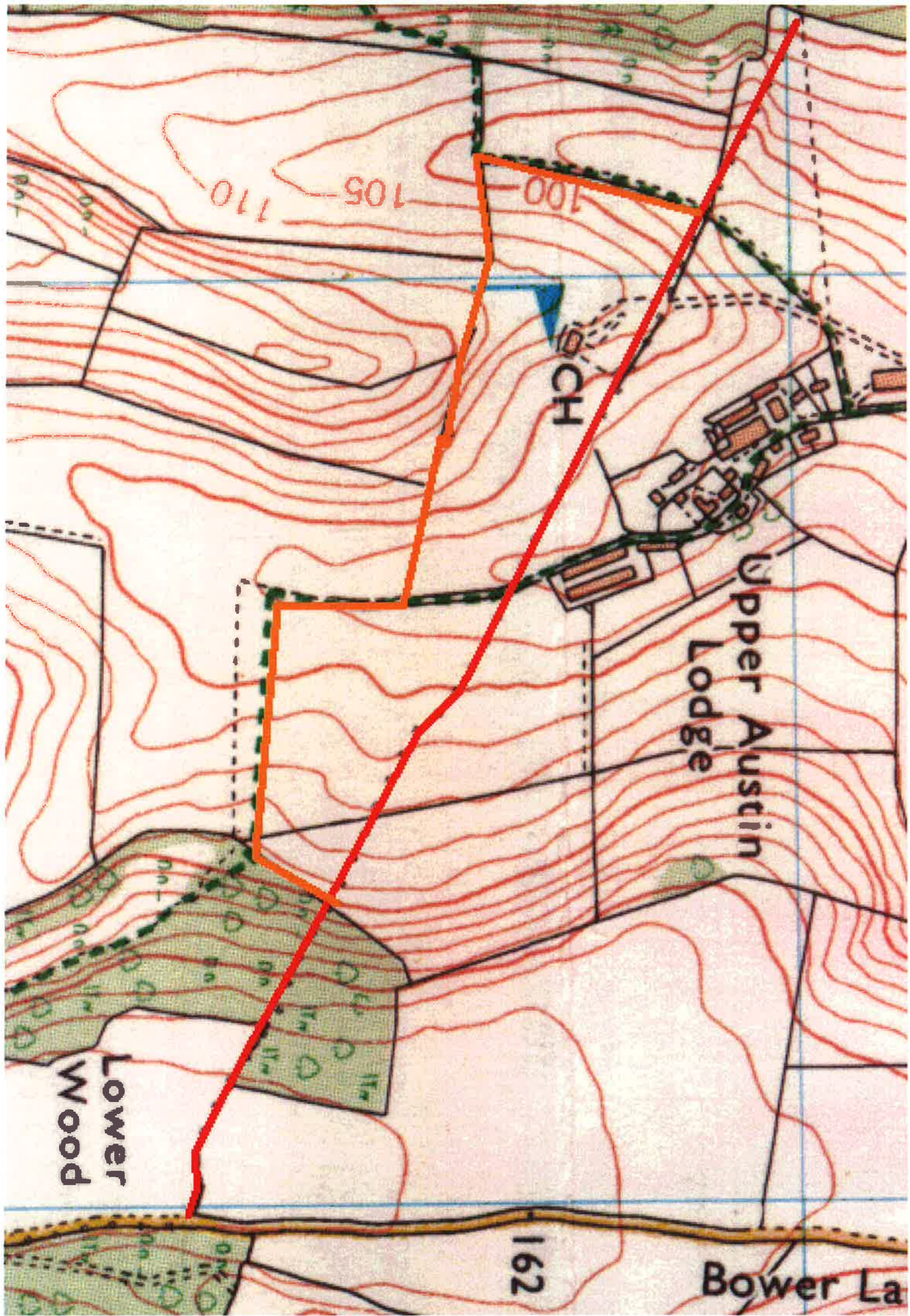
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From: Jenny Godfrey [mailto:clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 February 2012 10:03

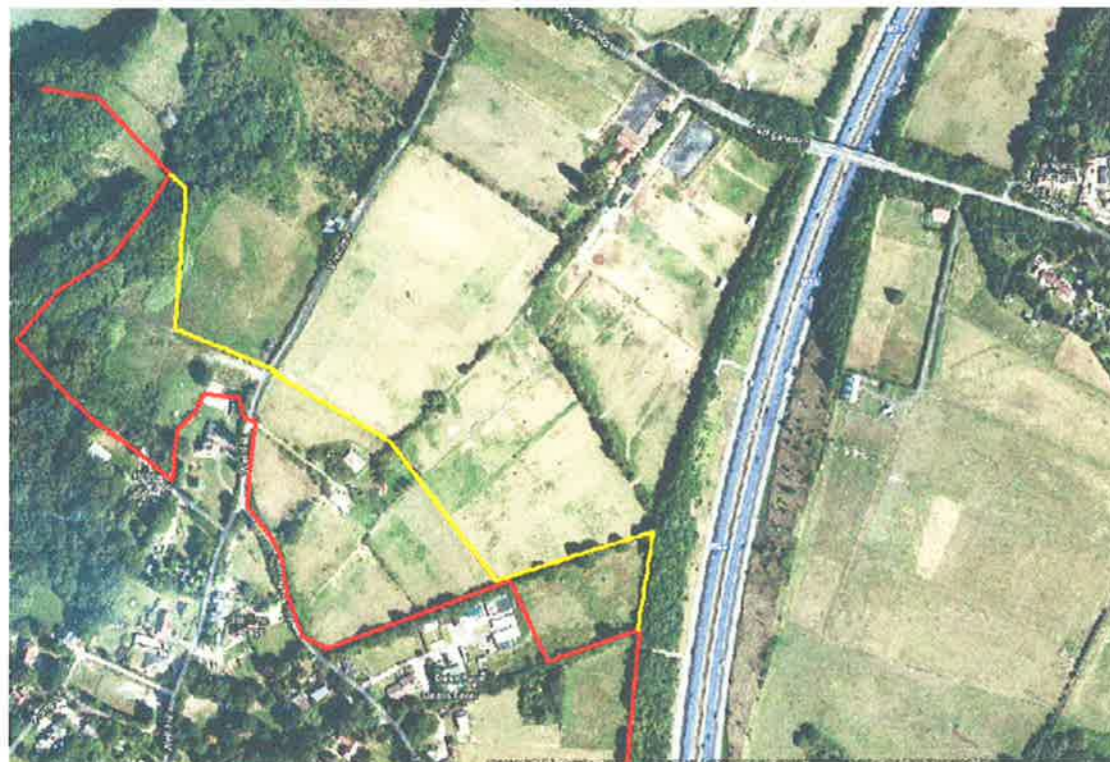


Map 1

The red line shows the existing boundary and the yellow line the suggested boundary.

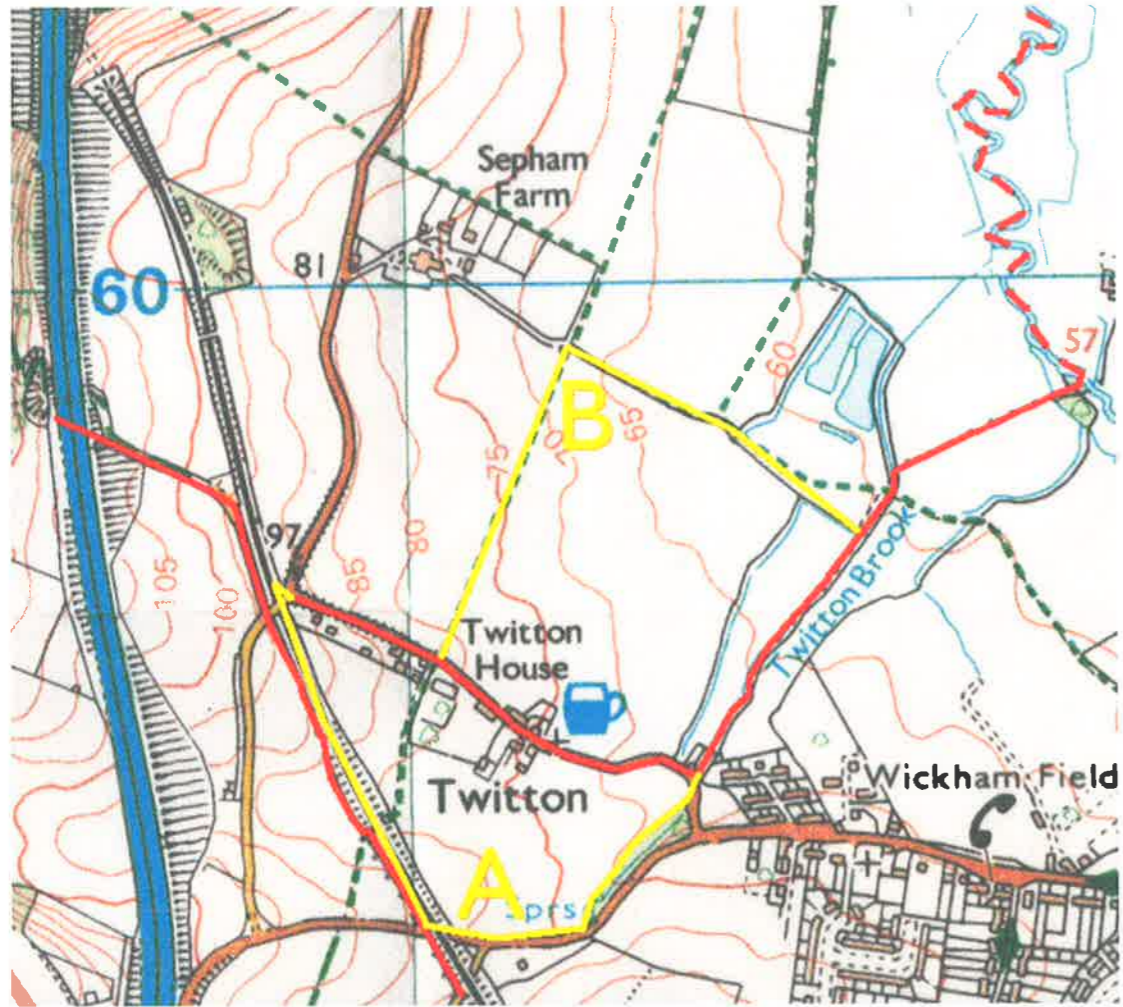
The red line goes through a building on Well Hill. This building was erected without planning permission and has been removed since the aerial photograph was taken. However, it does highlight the fact that the current boundary does not follow existing field/property boundaries. The main objective of the suggested boundary amendment relates to planning. The Council believes it would be best for residents of Well Hill if planning matters (e.g. breach of planning control), that affect Well Hill more than Park Gate (in Crockenhill Parish), should be in Shoreham Parish so that Shoreham Parish is the statutory consultee. Specifics to note:

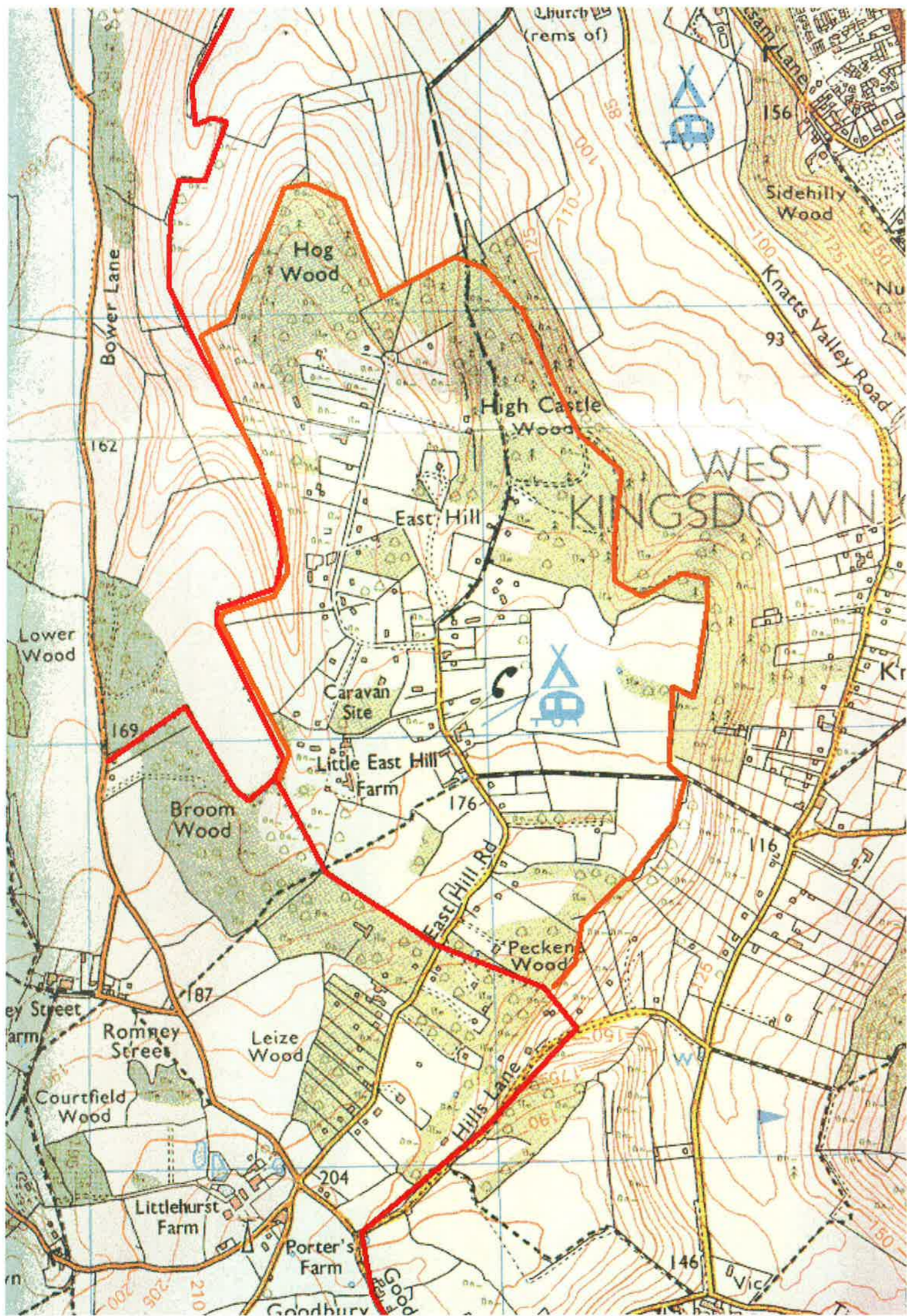
1. The field to the east of Daisy Farm has been included in Shoreham ward in the suggested amendment. There are industrial units there and there is always the possibility that unauthorised development from these units could extend into that field.
2. From Daisy Farm the proposed new boundary follows field boundaries to a road called Well Hill. This takes in two agricultural building. Should other development occur with these buildings, Well Hill residents will probably be affected a great deal more than Park Gate residents. This would also mean that the east side of Firmingers Road would no longer be in Crockenhill Parish and as Shoreham parish are aware of the drainage problems that affect that side of Firmingers Road this would make sense.
3. From Well Hill (the road), the yellow line head west and follows the boundary of the property called Greenhill Farm. It then heads north following a public right of way until it meets the existing boundary. The advantage of including the land around Greenhill Farm in Shoreham Parish is that it stops confusion of which parish council should be consulted on planning matters and also it brings land that has planning permission for land-fill into Shoreham Parish.



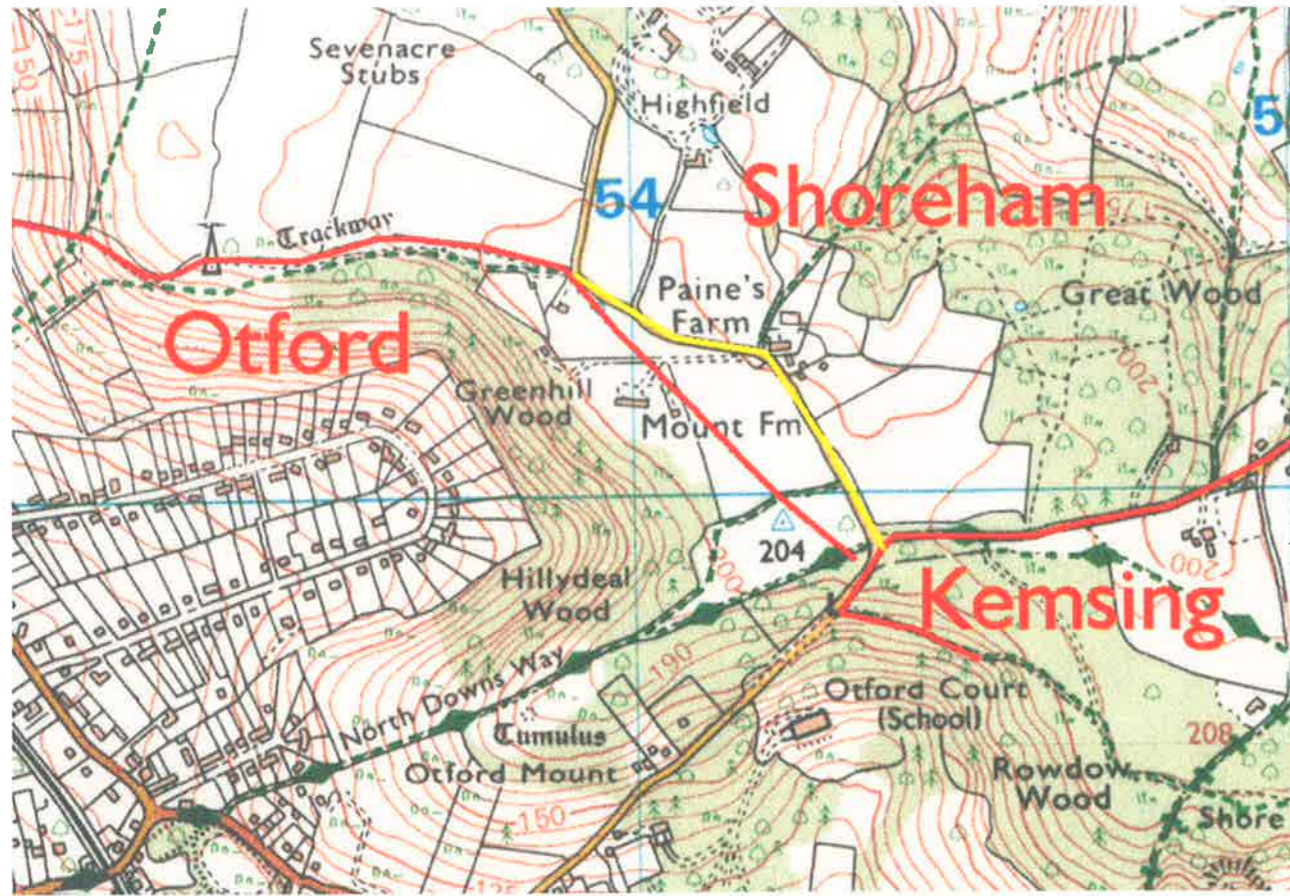
Map 2

The red line shows the existing boundary and yellow line "A" is the suggested boundary to bring all of Twitton Lane into Shoreham Parish. For the purposes of this representation, please ignore the yellow line "B".





Map 3



WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

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Received 16 FEB 2012

15th February 2012


Dear Mr Bigwood,

In response to your notice of 30 November 2011 in relation to the Sevenoaks District Council Community Governance Review, West Kingsdown Parish Council have met and discussed various options with our neighbouring parish of Shoreham. Members of West Kingsdown would like to suggest the following movement of the boundary for your consideration:

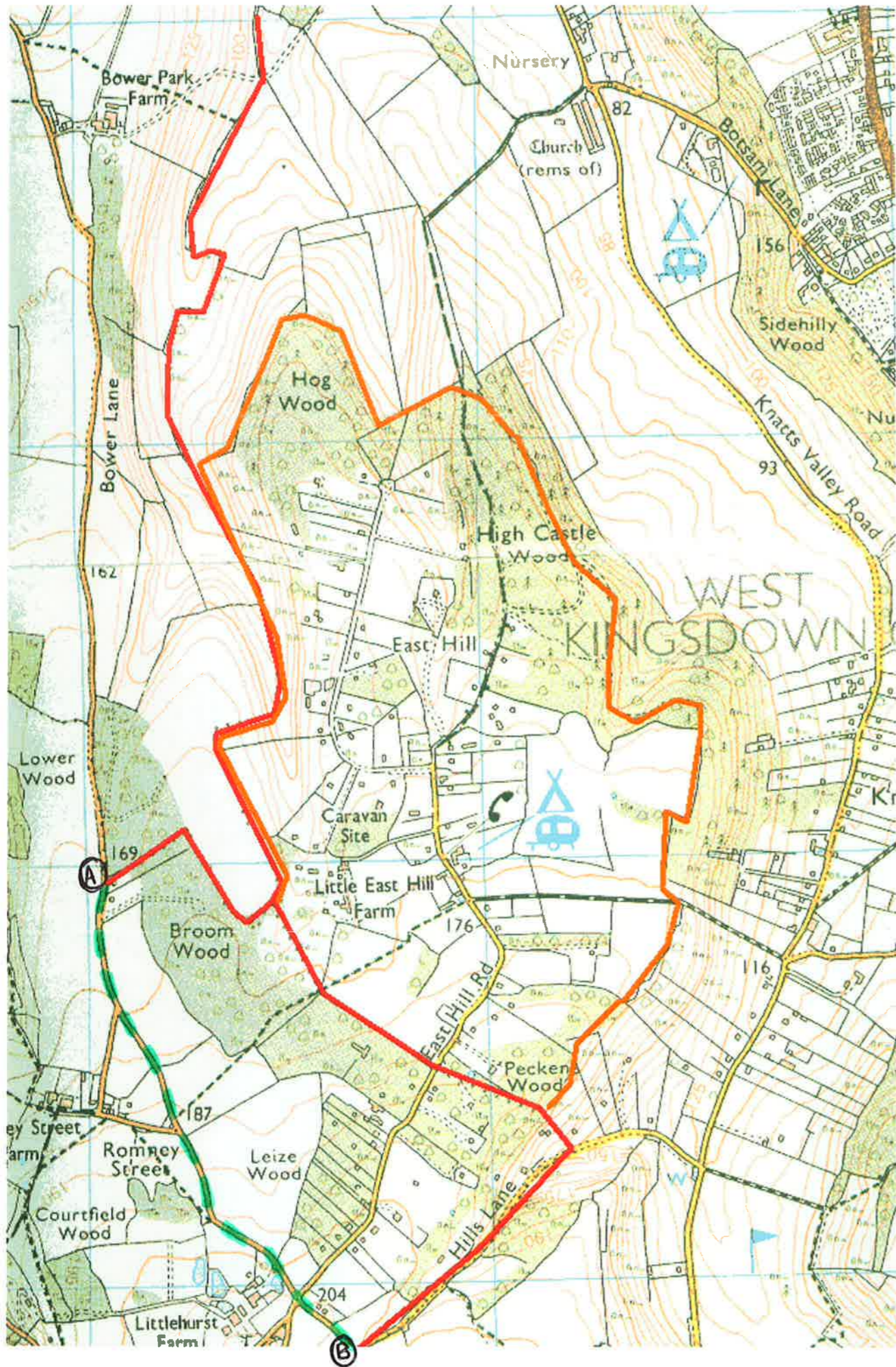
1. That the boundary be moved as indicated by the green dotted line, squaring an area and encompassing Broom Wood and Lieze Wood areas. This would only involve the Parish Change for around 14 houses. This would involve carrying on the boundary from Pont A on the map along Bower Lane to the junction of Hills Lane – Point B on the map
2. Members of the Parish Council have seen the proposals suggested by Shoreham Parish Council and do not consider this to be a practical option as many of the residents are near to the main village of West Kingsdown than they are to Shoreham Village.

I trust these are clear and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,


Mrs Lynda Harrison
Parish Clerk

Attachments: 1 map



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8 March 2012

By post and email elreg@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dear Mr Bigwood,

Further to our earlier telephone conversation, please find detailed below the outcome of last night's Shoreham Parish Council Meeting in relation to the SDC Community Governance Review:

1. Motion considered: *inform SDC of the reasons why the Parish Council's previous proposal (1 February Council meeting Minute 120 c) v)) that the boundary of the parish should be changed to include all properties on both sides of Twitton Lane in the Shoreham ward (from Otford Parish) has more merit than that proposed by Otford (i.e. the opposite).* The Council understand that residents in Twitton Lane have been consulted on this matter by Otford Councillors and that the majority align themselves with Otford Village and not Shoreham. It was RESOLVED that the residents of Twitton Lane should decide this issue.
2. Motion considered: *inform SDC of the reasons why the Parish Council's previous proposal (1 February Council Meeting Minute 120 c) v)) that the boundary of the parish should be changed to include all of East Hill Road in the Shoreham ward (from West Kingsdown Parish) has more merit than that proposed by West Kingsdown (i.e. the opposite).* The Council received anecdotal evidence that the residents wish to remain in the Shoreham ward and it was RESOLVED that the residents of East Hill Road should decide this issue.

3. Motion considered: *inform SDC that the Parish Council accepts West Kingsdown Parish's proposal that the boundary of the parish should be changed to include Leize Wood and Broom Wood areas in the West Kingsdown Parish (from Shoreham Parish).* It was RESOLVED that this motion was superfluous as the woods should not transfer to West Kingsdown Parish if all the properties in East Hill Road are to be in Shoreham Parish. This is linked to item 2 above.

I trust this response is clear. Please advise if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

J Godfrey (Mrs)
Clerk

Ian Bigwood

To: Parish.Council, Crockenhill
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review

From: crockenhill parish council [mailto:crockenhillpc@btinternet.com]
Sent: 01 March 2012 09:37
To: Ian Bigwood
Subject: Re: Community Governance Review

Ian
my apologies as I thought I had already replied to you. Phil Hobson approached our Chairman informally at a pub and asked for thoughts. We sent him the following email and heard nothing from him since. I can do no further than this as do not have another meeting until 22nd March. Hope that is enough for your report.

Dear Phil
following your informal chat with Colin Etheridge the proposal put forward was discussed at our last meeting. Although in principle Members are not adverse to the change they are concerned that this boundary has only recently been changed and Kent have not even caught up with the last change yet! Therefore any decision made now should be a long term one. In addition, we would like the boundary to be along a defined line, be that fields, trees or a road and not across open land.

If you would like to formally send a letter from Shoreham Parish Council to Crockenhill Parish Council setting out the proposal and definitive line, then we will be happy to formally respond.....

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