

CGR 2

Parishes Affected

Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe

Matter to be considered

Creating a single parish council to cover both parishes

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

This request came from the two parish councils

Summary of other responses

Recommendation

To create a single parish council comprising 10 councillors called Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe parish council

Justification

The two parish councils meet concurrently at present, but are separate entities. This means that they maintain individual financial accounts and the shared clerk needs to duplicate certain work. They think that a single parish council, whilst retaining the historic parishes, is the best way forward. The combined parish council would have an electorate of around 430.

The two communities are very closely aligned and the working group considers that a combined parish council makes a great deal of sense. Those living outside of the immediate area tend to regard it as a single entity already. In terms of the number of councillors, 10 is substantially more than NALC recommends for an electorate of this size – its recommendation is seven for councils with up to 900 electors; 10 is the recommended number for councils with an electorate of 2,700. However, given that each council currently has five members, the working group considers that this is a reasonable proposition, but one that in time the new parish council may want to review.

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