

Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan

Recently Cllrs Blackhurst, Spencer and Weaver met with Rosie Morgan, Spatial Planning Officer for Cheshire West and Chester Council who also leads on Neighbourhood Planning for the Authority.

She reported that legislation was now in place that would allow the Parish Council and NP steering group to re-designate the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to follow the new Parish boundary that was implemented in 2015 following a Local Authority Governance Review.

The re-designation process would begin at Regulation 14, a community consultation, but this would be on notice boards and websites in the main part of the Parish; with only those in the affected areas and the statutory consultees, directly consulted. This would then be followed by Regulation 15, a local authority publicity period, and finally would go to examination and the decision made by the Examiner. As before the NP steering group would have a say in who was chosen as Examiner

The Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan states that it will be reviewed every five years but currently there is no clear guidance on how a Neighbourhood Plan can have a major review without having to go through a further Referendum. However M/s Morgan suggested that if the Parish Council / NP Steering Group are going through the steps above it could be worth considering a partial review that updated the wording which was written before the Referendum, and acknowledging the changes that have taken place in the Parish since the NP was made.

This updated document would follow the process above at the same time.

Cost to the Parish Council would be minimal: printing of posters and letters for the Reg 14 consultation and the printing of some copies of the new document to satisfy the statutory placings – Council offices, libraries, a certain number in the community etc. However there is Neighbourhood Plan money in the Parish Council budget which should cover those costs. The cost of the Examination is borne by the Local Authority.

In order to carry out this process Council needs to consider the following resolutions:

- 1) Resolved that the Parish Council wishes to re-designate the NP boundary to correspond with the Parish Boundary and authorise the NP steering group to undertake the work to do this.**
- 2) Resolved that whilst carrying out the process that will achieve the re-designation of the boundary the NP steering group carry out a partial review of the Neighbourhood Plan to include changes made in the Parish since the NP was made.**
- 3) Resolved that the moneys in the NP budget (£1000) be used to cover any costs incurred during this process.**

Cllr Carol Weaver
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