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**BOUNDARY REVIEW
SUB COMMITTEE**

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

**Minutes of the Boundary Review Sub Committee Meeting held on 15th
February 2006 in the Council Chamber, Level -1, Monkton Park Offices,
Chippenham, commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillor D.J.E. Evans Chair

Councillors I.J. Henderson, A.S.R. Jackson, D.M. Moore
and R.L. Tonge

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives

Councillor A. Noblet	Chippenham Town Council
Mr C. Williams	Chippenham Town Council
Councillor J. Scragg	Chippenham Town Council
Councillor J. Stacey	Chippenham Without Parish Council
Councillor J. Gill	Chippenham Without Parish Council
Councillor G. Williams	Chippenham Without Parish Council
Councillor K. Kennedy	Chippenham Without Parish Council
Councillor B. Pettifer	Langley Burrell Parish Council

Officers: J. Watling (Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader) and J.
Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant)

BR51. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J.R. Ireland.

BR52. Public Question Time / Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

BR53. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 30th January 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

BR54. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

BR55. Chairman's Announcements (if any)

The Chairman, Councillor D.J.E. Evans.

The Chairman alerted those in attendance to the guidance contained on page 10 of the Agenda.

BR56. Consideration of Representations from the Chippenham area (including Cepen Park, Langley Burrell, Chippenham Without, Chippenham, Corsham and Bremhill) following the Review of Parish Electoral Arrangements in North Wiltshire

J. Watling (Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader) introduced Report No.6 which included the original proposals submitted in late 2003 and responses to the proposals following the Council's consultation paper issued in August 2005. He gave an outline of Circular 11/97. The Sub Committee was reminded that it should have regard to the identity and interests of local communities and effective and convenient local government.

MAP NUMBER 1

ISSUE 1

Representations were received from Councillor J. Scragg of Chippenham Town Council.

Issues raised by Councillor J. Scragg included:

- The town's boundaries throughout its history;
- Facilities provided by Chippenham Town Council;
- The potential costs of establishing a new Parish Council and providing facilities; and
- The need to provide a clear western boundary for Chippenham.

Representations were received from Councillor A. Noblet of Chippenham Town Council.

Issues raised by Councillor A. Noblet included:

- The quality of service and value for money provided by Chippenham Town Council;
- Facilities provided by Chippenham Town Council;
- That facilities were used by those living outside Chippenham; and
- That Chippenham Town Council has the political weight to get things done.

Representations were received from Councillor K. Kennedy of Chippenham Without Parish Council.

Issues raised by Councillor K. Kennedy included:

- The wishes of local inhabitants;
- A public meeting organised by Chippenham Without Parish Council was attended by 27 members of the public, 25 of whom opposed the District Council's proposals and supported a Cepen Park Parish Council;
- Circular 11/97 and the identity and interests of local communities;
- That Cepen Park residents have not been directly consulted by the District Council;
- The need to secure effective & convenient local government; and
- The recommendation of Chippenham Without Parish Council that a Cepen Park Parish Council be created based on the District Ward arrangements.

Representations were received from Councillor B. Pettifer of Langley Burrell Parish Council.

Issues raised by Councillor B. Pettifer included:

- Circular 11/97;
- That Langley Burrell Parish Council support the case for a Cepen Park Parish Council;
- That the new houses in Cepen Park have brought a new population to the area;
- Facilities in the Cepen Park area;
- That local identity would be fostered by creating a new Parish Council; and

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- The views of local residents after a leaflet drop: 625 leaflets were given to residents in the area, there were 179 replies of which 177 respondents were against the District Council's proposals.

Issues discussed by the Sub Committee included:

- Whether Council Tax should be taken into consideration when making a decision;
- The views of local residents and consultation undertaken to gain their views;
- The costs of setting up and running a new Parish Council;
- The coherence of Cepen Park as a community; and
- That the rest of Chippenham is not split into smaller Council areas.

Resolved to recommend to the Personnel Licensing & Administration Committee that support be given to Chippenham Town Council and North Wiltshire District Council's original proposals that Cepen Park be included in Chippenham Town.

ISSUE 2

There were no spoken representations from Parish or Town Councils on this issue.

Issues discussed by the Sub Committee included:

- The views of Corsham & Chippenham Town Council.

Resolved to recommend to the Personnel Licensing & Administration Committee that the Council's original proposals be supported.

ISSUE 3

Representations were received from Councillor J. Scragg of Chippenham Town Council.

Issues raised by Councillor J. Scragg included:

- The views of Bremhill Parish Council.

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Resolved to recommend to the Personnel Licensing & Administration Committee that the Council's original proposals be supported.

The meeting started at 7.30pm and finished at 9.05pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd March 2006 10.00am.

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