

# **Community Governance Review – Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Barleythorpe and Oakham North West**

### 1) What is a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review (CGR) enables a principle council (Such as Rutland County Council) to review and put in place or make changes to community governance structures. The outcome of a review may result in the creation, merger or abolition of parish or town councils and subsequent changes to Parish boundaries.

### 2) What is Community Governance?

Community Governance is the way in which local communities are represented at a local level through the involvement of community groups, local people and statutory and voluntary agencies. It provides the opportunity for local people to have some input into decisions which affect them.

### 3) Who will undertake the Community Governance Review?

Rutland County Council is the principle council and so will be responsible for conducting the review. The Full Council will decide on the area and scope of the review, approval of the terms of reference and approval of the draft and final recommendations.

### 4) What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is made up of members who are democratically elected every four years. It will have regular meetings to discuss issues which affect the area. Members of the public can attend the meetings. The Parish Council will have a Chairperson. The Parish Council will have a paid Clerk who implements decisions, provides independent advice and administrative advice.

### 5) What does a Parish Council Do?

A Parish Council represents the interests of its community by providing services to meet local needs and improving the quality of life and community well-being. They are consulted on planning applications for their area and depending on their size may be responsible for provision of allotments, street lighting, managing cemeteries, managing village halls, maintenance of roadside verges and supporting local crime initiatives.

### 6) How is the Parish Council Funded?

Parish Councils are funded by a precept. The precept is the sum of money used to fund a Parish Council. The precept is raised through a separate charge which is added to your Council Tax bill and collected by Rutland County Council on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council decide how much funding they need in order to provide services and facilities for the benefit of the community. The amount you pay will depend on the size of

the town/parish council, the number of properties across which it is spread and the Council Tax Banding of your property. If a new Parish Council is formed, RCC may decide on the precept required for the first year.

## 7) What will it cost me?

The increase in residents in the area under review will inevitably lead to an increase in cost of the delivery of local services. The establishment of any new Parish Council or the merger with an existing Parish/Town Council would give rise to funding considerations as detailed above.

A table has been included below to illustrate the Town/Parish Precepts on Council Tax Band D Properties in Rutland for the year 2015/16.

Parish	Gross Precept	2015-16		Tax Base	Band D
		LCTS Grant	Net Precept		
Ashwell	3,500.00	(104.24)	3,395.76	136.82	24.82
Ayston	-	-	-	21.19	-
<b>*Barleythorpe</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>(6.09)</b>	<b>73.91</b>	<b>322.69</b>	<b>0.23</b>
Barrow	40.00	(2.88)	37.12	42.17	0.88
Barrowden	10,300.00	(288.97)	10,011.03	265.52	37.70
Beaumont Chase	-	-	-	1.39	-
Belton	6,558.00	(412.33)	6,145.67	168.10	36.56
Bisbrooke	668.00	(25.45)	642.55	105.96	6.06
Braunston	10,500.00	(470.47)	10,029.53	205.25	48.86
Brooke	-	-	-	37.52	-
Burley	-	-	-	124.80	-
Caldecott	3,400.00	(284.97)	3,115.03	108.31	28.76
Clipsham	-	-	-	69.60	-
Cottesmore	25,954.14	(1,263.82)	24,690.32	760.73	32.46
Edith Weston	5,661.00	(53.47)	5,607.53	332.15	16.88
Egleton	800.00	(1.54)	798.46	51.38	15.54
Empingham	15,000.00	(1,081.91)	13,918.09	404.96	34.37
Essendine	9,000.00	(220.17)	8,779.83	164.61	53.34
Exton	12,522.00	(659.28)	11,862.72	237.80	49.89
Glaston	125.00	(7.65)	117.35	84.25	1.39
Great Casterton	5,000.00	(190.37)	4,809.63	172.06	27.95
Greetham	5,500.00	(369.60)	5,130.40	244.37	20.99
Gunthorpe	-	-	-	6.73	-
Hambleton	3,862.57	(70.26)	3,812.31	93.85	40.62
Horn	-	-	-	4.16	-
Ketton	40,348.30	(2,223.30)	38,125.00	759.98	50.17
Langham	16,000.00	(748.08)	15,251.92	592.33	25.75
Leighfield	-	-	-	6.53	-
Little Casterton	2,400.00	(37.59)	2,362.41	109.00	21.67
Lyddington	7,500.00	(154.05)	7,345.95	213.15	34.46
Lyndon	-	-	-	43.46	-
Manton	6,000.00	(256.16)	5,743.84	166.52	34.49
Market Overton	9,475.00	(662.39)	8,812.61	202.85	43.44
Morcott	2,800.00	(116.07)	2,683.93	175.63	15.28
Normanton	-	-	-	15.74	-
North Luffenham	7,900.00	(426.58)	7,473.42	316.93	23.58
<b>*Oakham</b>	<b>220,339.00</b>	<b>(16,423.88)</b>	<b>203,915.12</b>	<b>3,818.91</b>	<b>53.40</b>
Pickworth	-	-	-	32.67	-
Pilton	-	-	-	22.18	-
Preston	1,350.00	(51.22)	1,298.78	97.71	13.29
Ridlington	890.00	(54.41)	835.59	98.47	8.49
Ryhall	29,150.00	(2,322.70)	26,827.30	583.76	45.96
Seaton	3,800.00	(58.28)	3,741.72	113.38	33.00
South Luffenham	10,400.00	(221.32)	10,178.68	217.40	46.82
Stoke Dry	-	-	-	18.22	-
Stretton	1,893.01	(93.01)	1,800.00	128.70	13.99
Teigh	50.00	(2.02)	47.98	30.00	1.60
Thistleton	1,025.00	(9.75)	1,015.25	47.42	21.41
Thorpe By Water	-	-	-	36.23	-
Tickencote	50.00	(1.18)	48.82	38.31	1.27
Tinwell	1,120.00	(49.93)	1,070.07	104.15	10.27
Tixover	-	-	-	59.10	-
Uppingham	92,390.00	(7,313.89)	85,076.11	1,495.56	56.89
Wardley	-	-	-	17.52	-
Whissendine	20,000.00	(958.99)	19,041.01	548.26	34.73
Whitwell	30.00	(3.85)	26.15	29.75	0.88
Wing	5,383.00	(297.88)	5,085.12	153.80	33.06

8) Why does there need to be a Community Governance Review of Barleythorpe and Oakham North West?

The number of electors in the parish of Barleythorpe is increasing due to the housing development of Oakham North with a predicted electorate of over 2000 by the year 2025. This increase will mean that the current Community Governance arrangements need to be reviewed. The parish area of Barleythorpe currently has no Parish Council but operates a Parish Meeting. There are a variety of options which would ensure that the community can benefit from effective and convenient governance, these options must be considered by RCC and any final proposals must reflect the identities and interests of the community. There will be two phases of consultation to ensure that the views of those affected by the review can be taken into account.

9) What will the Review Consider?

Four options have been put forward for consultation, these can be found in the Terms of Reference and the Consultation Response form. The community are being asked to put forwards their views on the what they feel would be the most effective form of Community Governance for their area.

10) What are the criteria by which options for the future will be judged?

Government guidance indicates that a CGR must have regard to two key principles:-

- a) community governance must reflect the identities and interests of the community;
- b) community governance must be effective and convenient.

Influential factors include:-

- i. the impact of arrangements on community cohesion;
- ii. the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

Local people might consider these when submitting their views.

11) Who will Rutland County Council Consult with?

The Council has decided they will consult with all households in the area under review which includes the Oakham North West Ward of Rutland County Council (containing the Parishes of Barleythorpe and the North West Ward of the Parish of Oakham), along with other bodies/persons which appear to the Council to have an interest in the Community Governance Review. The Council will conduct two consultations through the process so the review. The first consultation will be on the Terms of Reference and proposed options. The second consultation will be on draft recommendations. All responses to the consultation will be collated, analysed and enumerated. The views of local people will be taken into account before any draft recommendations, or final proposals are made.

## 12) What is the outcome of the review?

The review will recommend which model of community governance should be implemented, from the options that are being consulted on. Rutland County Council will make the final decision.

### Option One

- Barleythorpe Parish Meeting would cease to exist.
- Households in Barleythorpe would become part of Oakham Town Council's parish area and would pay the precept set by Oakham Town Council.
- The number of wards and councillors on Oakham Town Council may need to be reviewed.

### Option Two –

- Barleythorpe Parish Meeting continues to exist and set the precept for households in “Old Barleythorpe”.
- Households in “New Barleythorpe” would become part of Oakham Town Council's parish area and would pay the precept set by Oakham Town Council.
- The number of wards and councillors on Oakham Town Council may need to be reviewed.

### Option Three

- A new Barleythorpe Parish Council would be created.
- Households in Barleythorpe Parish area would pay the precept set by Barleythorpe Parish Council.
- There would be no change required to Oakham Town Council.

### Option Four

- Barleythorpe Parish Meeting continues to exist and set the precept for households in “Old Barleythorpe”.
- A new Barleythorpe Parish Council would be created for the “New Barleythorpe” parish area. Households in the “New Barleythorpe” Parish area would pay the precept set by Barleythorpe Parish Council.
- There would be no change required to Oakham Town Council.

## 13) Where can I find further information?

Further information including the terms of reference, maps and Council Reports in relation to this Community Governance Review can be found on the Rutland County Council Website [www.rutland.gov.uk](http://www.rutland.gov.uk) and search Community Governance Reviews.