

Gillian Friar

To: elections
Subject: RE: Burton Green

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From: Jane Mackenzie [mailto:rdmackenzie@mac.com]
Sent: 18 October 2011 17:50
To: elections
Subject: Burton Green

Dear Ms Friar

I would like to comment on the proposal to adopt the recommendations to set up a separate Parish Council for Burton Green.

I understand that a petition of about 300 members of the Residents Association have voted in favour of this. The proposal has been championed by the Residence Association which I believe to be a very active and well run organisation. However the Residence Association has its own role and that should not be that of a Parish Council. There are about 2800 people on the electoral role in the existing Parish and I hope that the Committee will consider the best interests of the majority who have not been so actively petitioned. Consultation notices have been sent out but they were not very easy to understand.

It appears that Central Government is talking of empowering local parishes with increased budgets and looking at clustering parishes as a means of facilitating these 'localism' initiatives. Whilst I quite understand that there exists a mechanism to allow the formation of a new Parish and that Burton Green may have satisfied the criteria, ultimately permitting this fragmentation of existing units may be a retrograde step. Burton Green has a great deal in common with the other members of the Council. It is a close neighbour of the University and is potentially blighted by HS2 as is Stoneleigh.

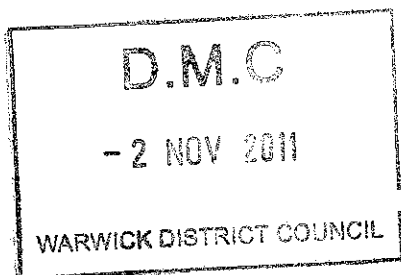
I have been a Parish Councillor now for nearly two years and am aware of the problems the Burton Green Parish Councillors have with the existing Council. These issues can be solved. I have also observed an overlap between the Burton Green HS2 Action Group, The Residents Association and the Parish Councillor representatives for Burton Green. The current arrangement allows for everyone to be represented on a Parish Council which looks after the interests of all Burton Green residents in the context of their wider community, whether they wish to be part of a Residents Association or HS2 Action Group or not.

This proposal will also increase costs and in the current climate any decisions which are more costly should stand further scrutiny as to whether they are in the best

interests of the whole community. I hope that the Committee will consider the interests of the majority when deciding whether to adopt this recommendation.

Yours sincerely

Jane Mackenzie



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Oct. 28th 2011

Dear Gillian,

I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the councillors for supporting the independent parish of Burton Green and also their decision to raise the number of councillors to seven.

In many ways, you have supported the democratic process, the right of the people of Burton Green to govern themselves.

My only reservation, and this is purely a personal opinion (though supported by others) is that there is no provision for an election to be held at an earlier moment.

I recognise the practical and financial implications of such a course, and it may be wishful thinking, but it would be so fitting for the people of Burton Green to have the opportunity of launching a new parish council with an initial or earlier vote.

So far, the move forward to an independent parish has been centred on the Residents' Association, in conjunction with the residents and supported by the elected members.

Once the final decision has been made by you, (hopefully in our favour) it is hoped that the Residents' Association would meet to review the situation and then call for an extraordinary meeting of Burton Green residents, where the existing parish councillors and those wishing to be co-opted, would have the opportunity of giving their reasons for representing Burton Green.

Although the meeting would not necessarily have a political status, it would have a moral authority and allow transparency and participation.

However, perhaps I am overanxious but we are desperate that the new council is successful and works in harmony with the Residents' Association but in the final analysis, there is the talent and ingenuity in Burton Green to create a successful organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Archie Taylor

Burton Green Parish Councillor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archie Taylor".

Gillian Friar

From: Kenilworth Town Council [kenc@kenilworth.org]
Sent: 25 October 2011 16:04
To: Kenilworth Town Council; Gillian Friar
Subject: RE: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BURTON GREEN WARD OF STONELEIGH PARISH

Dear Madam,

1. Further to our earlier correspondence and the Returning Officer's letter dated 12 October 2011 regarding the community governance review triggered by the petition to establish a parish and council in Burton Green, the subject was further examined by this Town Council on 20 October 2011.
2. Members have asked me to inform you of their unanimous motion that fully supported *all* the recommendations contained in your letter dated 12 October 2011, which they hope earnestly will be adopted. Please advise the District Council accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

G D SYMES
Town Clerk

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From: Kenilworth Town Council [mailto:kenc@kenilworth.org]
Sent: 13 September 2011 18:08
To: Gillian Friar
Subject: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BURTON GREEN WARD OF STONELEIGH PARISH

Dear Madam,

1. Further to your correspondence concerning the community governance review associated with the petition to establish a parish and associated council in Burton Green, the matter was considered by the Town Council at their meeting held on 8 September 2011.
2. Members have asked me to advise you that, from personal experience of conducting business with a number of those seeking the proposed change, they are fully confident that the establishment of a parish would be both beneficial and effective in its operation. Accordingly, a motion endorsing the request for the establishment of a separate Parish and Parish Council for Burton Green was approved unanimously. Please advise the review body accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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JEREMY WRIGHT MP



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26th October 2011

Dear Gill,

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
Community Governance Review – Burton Green

With reference to the above and to Chris Elliott's letter of 12th October setting out the Council's recommendations, I confirm that it seems to me sensible both to establish a separate parish for Burton Green and to do so on the terms set out in Chris' letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Wright".

JEREMY WRIGHT MP