

Comments - Grindon Community Governance Review

1. We fully support Grindon Parish being split into two separate ones. Especially if we are in a difference one to Thorpe Thewles who get all the focus (x2)
2. This is a stupid idea. Why change something that I think has worked well for years. This is really silly to split into three
3. This community works well together. This is one man's ego trip
4. I would be happy to have the views of Wynyard considered by someone who has the knowledge of the estate and its needs. Just want representation for Wynyard
5. I have lived in Thorpe Thewels since 1958 having our own Parish Council. Whose idea was it to change us? Our Parish Council do a good job
6. I feel that the Parish Council should remain. I feel that a "Chairperson" from each (i.e. west and east) should be in post and that Members elected/ attend as requested. I feel that meetings should be held alternatively in each side (i.e. east or west). All Members being invited in this way possibly a better representation could be made without splitting the area
7. Before receiving this consultation, I had no idea I lived in Grindon Parish. I've had no contact from the Parish Council, no updates, no evidence of service delivery and I wasn't asked to vote for a Parish Council at recent elections despite having lived here 3 years. I feel that Parish Councils are an entirely unnecessary additional layer of governance and I strongly object to paying a precept for a "service" I don't have any benefit from
8. Wynyard is large enough (Grindon East) to be sustainable as a Parish in its own right. Grindon East is very different in culture from Grindon West and its needs as an area differ greatly. For many years the people in Grindon East have had little or no say in what the precept is spent on and as a result its contributions have been spent mainly for the benefit of Thorpe Thelwes in Grindon West. The change would change this
9. Should the parish split? What is the alternative to separate council? History tells us that Grindon Parish has managed to survive since 1100s intact each generation working for the good of the whole Parish. Why not now?
10. I live on the Elms estate which is not shown on your map but consists of 100 or so houses located between White House Farm and the Railway at the southern end of Blakeston Lane. I do not have strong views on whether Grindon Parish is split so I haven't voted on the form but I have some concerns about the position this will leave the Elms estate in:
 - i. If the parish is split along the proposed boundary, it will leave the elms in Grindon east but isolated with no direct road link to the rest of Grindon east. In fact to reach the other populated part of Grindon east would require a circuitous drive of some five miles

- ii. I have no fundamental objection to either Grindon East or Grindon West having a parish council. However, in the case of Grindon East, the centre of gravity is bound to be Wynyard and the case of Grindon West, it is bound to be Thorpe Thewles. In either scenario, the Elms could end up paying a parish council precept but probably not receiving any benefit

I wonder if as part of this boundary re-organisation, it would be sensible and consolidate similarities to extend the adjacent Norton West civil parish/ ward to cover the Elms

11. I did endeavour to reply to the earlier consultation. My response is an unequivocal "don't know" as no information as to what would be the consequence of any such split has been forthcoming. Grindon East would certainly be larger with the on-going developments plus it appears to include the Wynyard Business Park and so has substantial commercial interest – thus if it were split then Grindon East should have a parish council
12. I don't know enough as to whether the split should be made as per the existing parish boundaries or as per the attached proposed map, perhaps I would need further information to adequately comment. If the parish was split, then I think that Grindon East should have their own parish council. The above would mean that Grindon West would potentially need to have its own Parish Council
13. What is the justification for this? How many people live in this Parish? I fail to see why people are wasting time and effort discussing the splitting of a parish into two. How many people does this affect and where does this sit on a priority scale of issue to be addressed by Stockton on Tees Borough Council?