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Subject: Re: Community Governance Review - Parish Numbers

Good morning Gemma

I meet your deadline!

The Clerk wrote earlier with the request as follows: The Council feels that there are unprecedented challenges on planning and infrastructure to tackle in the future. Although only 5 people stood at the recent local election, after a drive by the Council, 7 applicants came forward with 5 completing the selection process. This does show that there is interest but we need to capitalise and meet the future. Council is of the opinion that this can only be realised by a larger number of members because of several facets:

The parish has grown in size raising overall demands

The work for the volunteers who are councillors has increased over the last decade and it needs additional councillors to offset and share this work

Councillors receive no remuneration and so it is not fair to ask them to put in any more free time but for it to be shared; SPC meets monthly showing how seriously it views its accountability to the electorate

The demands on a PC are such as a myriad of skill sets are required and this means more people - financial acumen, leadership skills, planning awareness, legal knowledge

The council has a vision for the future and needs the people to manage it - S106 developments, additional physical resources for cultural pursuits

There are so many consultation groups that we need councillors to attend them as the debates have impacts on the village infrastructure;

The work on our neighbourhood plan and the impact means that we need more councillors to support the electorate and the community.

Having 12 councillors will facilitate a better approach to governance and decision making through committee work.

Council would be prepared to meet the costs of an election.

I hope that this is a cogent approach and justifies the request. Please do let me know if I need to add anything.

With thanks

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