

Community Governance Review Stapleford – Appendix A

Question: Do you think the number of Stapleford Parish Councillors should increase from 9 to 11?

| Reference | Postcode | Response | Comments |
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| FDGQWGDZ | CB22 5DX | YES | I agree that the number of Councillors should be increased, but have three conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘gene pool’ of members of the parish council is increased • The transparency and accountability of the actions of the council is improved • The parish council agrees to follow best practice in governance arrangements as agreed by the majority of other councils |
| HKTBCJMT | CB22 5BQ | YES | The current chair has been in post too long, and his manner is a major factor putting off others to come forward to serve. He should stand down. |
| HNDZFVTS | CB22 5DU | NO | Stapleford Parish Council has struggled to find 9 councillors over the years and indeed following the last elections the spouses of two members were co-opted to make up the numbers. The Parish Council is, sadly, a club that nobody wants to join. It is unrepresentative of the village as a whole, being predominantly elderly (and I write as someone in their 60s), and also very conservative (with a small c). A sensible route would seem to be a merger with Great Shelford – at least two Stapleford councillors are also members of Great Shelford PC. Stapleford is contiguous with Great Shelford and it is where we go to the GP, library, for shopping, cafes, recreation ground, railway station and many social events. It is one geographical entity. Having two parish councils represents a waste of time and money in my view. We need to move on. |
| JXGTKQVW | CB22 5DR | YES | The workload is too heavy for 9 councillors. We have had some difficulty recruiting; if people knew the responsibilities would be shared |

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| | | | more widely they might be more willing to stand. |
| LTMXWPNG | CB22 5BZ | YES | None |
| MBKPVSQJ | CB22 5DT | YES | None |
| TPSNBTTD | CB22 5BX | YES | None |
| VLJMZNXF | CB22 5BZ | YES | None |
| WRKMDZJT | CB22 5DT | YES | None |
| WWLRNRBM | CB22 5DS | YES | None |
| District Councillor response received via email from Cllr Nick Sample | | YES | I see this as essentially an organisational issue for Stapleford PC. I have no problem with the proposed increase in numbers from 9 to 11. |