

Chichester District Council

FULL COUNCIL

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PARISH NAME CHANGE

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council authorise a change the name of Singleton Parish Council to Singleton and Charlton Parish Council.

2.2 That the Divisional Manager for Democratic Services be authorised to serve notices upon the Secretary of State, the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General of that name change.

3. Background

3.1 The Council received a formal request that this authority approve a change of name for the current Singleton Parish Council. The application follows a formal resolution at the Parish, which application has been formally notified to this Council by the Parish clerk.

3.2 The Council has powers under s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to authorise name changes where such a request is submitted in writing by the Parish.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

4.1 Reasons for the request and anticipated outcomes are set out in the Parish clerks letter included in the background papers explaining the grounds considered by the Parish itself – that the new name will be more representative and will they believe encourage resident engagement from the Charlton area.

5. Proposal

5.1 If the Council grants the change of name then the Council will be under a duty to notify the Secretary of State, Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General under requirements of s.75(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5.2 The Parish would also be required to publish the decision in the Parish as required by s.75(2)(b) of the same Act.

6. Alternatives Considered

6.1 The Council could refuse the request. There is no formal guidance from the Secretary of State on the operation of s.75 of the Act so the Council would need to

apply their normal public law decision making to this decision.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 None. A change of name made under the Act does not affect any rights or obligations of any parish or of any council, authority or person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of name.

8. Consultation

8.1 Consultation and publicity for the application are matters for the Parish.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

9.1 None.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following? If you tick "Yes", list your impact assessment as a background paper in paragraph 13 and explain any major risks in paragraph 9		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder The Council has a duty "to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area". Do the proposals in the report have any implications for increasing or reducing crime and disorder?		X
Climate Change and Biodiversity Are there any implications for the mitigation of/adaptation to climate change or biodiversity issues? If in doubt, seek advice from the Environmental Strategy Unit (ESU).		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact You should complete an Equality Impact Assessment when developing new services, policies or projects or significantly changing existing ones. For more information, see Equalities FAQs and guidance on the intranet or contact Corporate Policy.		X
Safeguarding and Early Help The Council has a duty to cooperate with others to safeguard children and adults at risk. Do these proposals have any implication for either increasing or reducing the levels of risk to children or adults at risk? The Council has committed to dealing with issues at the earliest opportunity, do these proposals have any implication in reducing or increasing demand on Council services?		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Does the subject of the report have significant implications for processing data likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals? Processing that is likely to result in a high risk includes (but is not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • systematic and extensive processing activities and where decisions that have legal effects – or similarly significant effects – on individuals. • large scale processing of special categories of data or personal 		X

<p>data relation to criminal convictions or offences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any larger scale processing of personal data that affects a large number of individuals; and involves a high risk to rights and freedoms eg based on the sensitivity of the processing activity. • large scale, systematic monitoring of public areas (including by CCTV). <p>Note - If a high risk is identified a Privacy Impact Assessment must be provided to the Data Protection Officer.</p>		
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>The Council has made a commitment to 'help our communities be healthy and active'. You should consider both the positive and negative impacts of your proposal on the health and wellbeing of communities and individuals living and working in the district. Is your proposal likely to impact positively or negatively on certain groups and their ability to make healthy choices, for example low income families, carers, older people/children and young people. Are there implications that impact on areas of the district differently? eg the rural areas or those wards where health inequalities exist. If in doubt ask for advice from the Health and Wellbeing team.</p>		X
<p>Other (please specify)</p>		

11. Appendices

11.1 None

12. Background Papers

12.1 Letter received from Singleton Parish Council clerk 13.08.2019