



# **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** **FEEDBACK COMMENTS TO CGR**

## **1. Background**

- At our Annual Parish Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April it was agreed that a parish poll be conducted to seek feedback from residents on the proposal issued by Dorset Council for consultation: to transfer an area including Furzehill from Colehill to Holt parish.
- Following the meeting Dorset Council rejected the poll request as they considered the wording “not clear and unambiguous”.
- Insufficient time remained to call another meeting to amend the wording and then hold a poll before the CGR deadline.
- Councillors held informal discussions on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to consider the best way forward. We concluded that it was not feasible to arrange a leaflet drop to all households in the time left, and that we should therefore seek feedback from residents via our website and via Facebook.

## **2. Feedback via our Website**

These are the verbatim comments emailed to us on CGR via our website, in the order received. Only comments expressing an opinion for or against the proposal have been included.

- This is a ludicrous idea, and we all know which person started all this, as a resident I would like the parish council to oppose this proposal and at the very least take it back to dogdean, why anyone would think taking so much of Colehill is sensible idea.
- I see no point in the proposed changes other than placing more of the ongoing development into a different parish for political gain of development in different parish boundaries. As Colehill has been able to accept the development due to it's available land the population numbers are good but Holt has had little disturbance of large development. Taking the last point are the plans going to allow more social centres due to the Horns Inn moving into Holt.
- I am completely opposed to this unnecessary change. We Colehillians value our rural areas. We do not want to change the character of the area in which we live. We certainly don't want such a change to be imposed by the wider Dorset Council.
- Having read page 22 of the document referenced it says nothing. Yes there are words in a page but it is all political speak that at the end of the day when analysed says absolutely nothing with any meaning at all. It's like watching an episode of Yes Minister! To make changes clear, necessary benefits need to arise not some wishy washy rubbish.
- I fully support Dorset Council's draft Community Governance Review (CGR) Recommendation 14 proposal to transfer all land north of Burt's Hill, including Furzehill, Grange, Dog Dean, Deans Grove and the Horns Inn from the Colehill Parish to the Holt Parish

- As a resident of Furzehill I am in full agreement with Dorset Council's draft Community Governance Review (CGR) Recommendation 14 proposal to transfer all land north of Burt's Hill, including Furzehill, Grange, Dog Dean, Deans Grove and the Horns Inn from the Colehill Parish to the Holt Parish.
- I support the Dorset Council recommendation that the Furzehill lobe should be within Holt Parish
- I support the Dorset Council recommendation that the Furzehill lobe should be joined with Holt Parrish
- i would love to write what I really feel but I am so afraid of the repercussions, (should I be identified) one man has single handedly split what was a small close community, the arrogance of this man is astounding, it makes no sense in real life to us all being within Holt with almost all of us live within Colehill. I hope that he and his for want of a better expression toffee nosed friends fail once again to move us over to Holt, Colehill council has served us well, please object for us in the strongest possible terms.
- My family live in Grange and we would like to be part of Holt Council.
- The residents have already made their views clear and we would like the Furzehill lobe to be a part of Holt Parish.
- As the chair of Colehill Parish Council has stated the whole of Furzehill area including Dogdean and Grange should be unified and I agree with that and because of its rural nature it should be included within the Parish of Holt. This has been recommended by Dorset Council.
- We live in Grange, Furzehill and are opposed to becoming part of Colehill. We feel that it is in the best interests of our Village to merge with Holt because, as a small hamlet, we would prefer to be aligned with a Parish with a similar rural community, with similar objectives to ours.
- The draft CGR Recommendation 14 is: to move "the Lobe" of Furzehill currently in the parish of Colehill to the parish of Holt. My reasons for asking that it becomes a final recommendation are as follows.  
A CGR gives residents an opportunity to say how they would like to be governed, although for technical reasons some arrangements are not possible. At the start of the CGR process, some residents of the Furzehill Area contacted Holt Parish Council saying they would like all of the Furzehill area to be within Holt Parish. Some residents of the Furzehill Area replied to the Furzehill Residents Association survey stating their preference for all being within Holt Parish. Some residents of the Furzehill Area made initial submissions to the Dorset Council Community Governance Review asking for all of the Furzehill area to be within Holt Parish. None of the above residents asked for the existing split arrangement between Colehill and Holt Parishes to continue and none of the above residents asked for all of the Furzehill area to be within Colehill Parish. Consequently, I very much welcome that the draft CGR

Recommendation 14 namely: to move "the Lobe" of Furzehill currently in the parish of Colehill to the parish of Holt, as it corresponds to the proposals I submitted in the first CGR consultation. Draft CGR Recommendation 14 corresponds to the initial CGR submissions from: the Furzehill Residents Association, from many individual residents of the Furzehill Area and from Holt Parish Council who have been supportive of those residents.

I also welcome that the councillor numbers will be: 9 for the current Holt area and 2 for "the lobe" of Furzehill. I am pleased the proposal from Colehill Parish Council, to extend their control over all of the Furzehill area, was dismissed. It was not practical because the enforced warding would have resulted in unacceptable electoral variance. It also was very much contrary to the wishes of the residents of the Furzehill area. Colehill Parish Council has never wanted to acknowledge that any residents of the Furzehill Area might wish to move to Holt Parish. Colehill Parish Council stated in its initial CGR submission that: The hamlet of Furzehill is currently split between Colehill and Holt parishes, with the boundary dividing close neighbours. This is contrary to government guidance for CGR, para 80 of which says boundaries should reflect community identity, and para 83 that boundaries should as far as possible run along "no-man's land between communities". As there is one and only one workable solution for having all of the Furzehill Area in the same Parish, Colehill Parish Council should accept that the move to Holt Parish accords with their submission and that it should become a final recommendation. I therefore very much hope that Dorset Council will declare that the final CGR Recommendation 14 will still be to move "the Lobe" of Furzehill currently in the parish of Colehill to the parish of Holt.

- Furzehill should be unified in one block and it's needs are better suited to the rural nature of holt. This would also help to match voting numbers between Colehill/holt. We meet as residents in holt village hall and feel we have more in common there
- I live in the Furzehill "lobe" with my family and we fully support the move from Colehill to Holt
- I fully agree with Dorset Council's CGR recommendation to move the "Furzehill lobe" currently in the parish of Colehill to the parish of Holt, and also to change the warding arrangements for Colehill and Holt.
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- I have read Dorset Council's recommendation to move the Furzehill Lobe to Holt Parish and I support that recommendation and would like CPC to do the same.
- I have read Dorset Council's CGR recommendation to move the Furzehill area from Colehill Parish to Holt Parish and as a resident I agree with this. I think CPC should also agree with this recommendation.
- I have read both CPC's CGR information and Dorset council's CGR recommendation to move Furzehill from Colehill Parish to Holt Parish and I agree with Dorset Council's recommendation and suggest that Colehill Parish Council also support it.

- Please will Colehill Parish Council support the Community Governance Review Draft Recommendation 14, as it very clearly satisfies the wishes of the Furzehill Area residents directly affected by the change.
- As a resident of Furzehill I fully support Dorset Council's draft CGR Recommendation No 14 to move 'the lobe' of Furzehill currently in the Parish of Colehill to the Parish of Holt. The change, which has the support of the vast majority of the Furzehill community, reflects the rural nature of 'the lobe' and local identities Furzehill shares with Holt Parish. Furthermore it removes Furzehill being a split community between Colehill and Holt Parishes
- I am resident of Furzehill and fully support Recommendation 14 of the CGR. Currently Furzehill is split between the two parishes of Holt and Colehill and I strongly feel that the rural nature and identity of our community is best served by being in Holt parish. Being in a single parish would achieve greater cohesion and a stronger community for the residents of Furzehill.

### **3. Feedback via Facebook posts**

These are the verbatim comments made in Facebook posts on our page and on Colehillians in response to our CGR update, in the order received. Only comments expressing an opinion for or against the proposal have been included.

- What's this all about? What is the reason? Another bit of Colehill being hived off before we are subsumed into Wimborne?
- Well I've had my say! What a load of rubbish they put in the document!!
- There's probably a housing estate in the pipe line for holt but they can't get it through planning because there's only a certain % a village can expand. If they take 500 homes from Colehill they can expand that bit more. You all have short memories. Wimborne did it to Colehill 7 - 8 years ago when they wanted all the new estates to get planning.
- I have submitted my comments. I agree that the document is an absolute load of rubbish. What really makes me so mad is the fact that they are even considering wasting public money on this pointless prject when it will make no difference to anyone. What they should be concentrating on is the cost of living crisis that is going to severely effect many of our fellow citizens, some probably living just around the corner from our own homes. They moved the boundaries to coincide with the current building so that Wimborne ended up being the financial beneficiary through the additional precept. Colehill lost out then and no doubt this proposal will have a similar outcome.
- the revenues from the Old East Dorset building site will no doubt benefit Holt-it's part of the land Colehill is losing. Has somebody got something against us?
- Tis tosh. Leave alone

- Why is everybody always trying to steal bits of Colehill?
- I think they're giving it back not stealing it. Furzehill wants to be part of Holt not Colehill.
- It's nothing to do with houses at all. Basically Furzehill is split between two parishes Holt and Colehill which does not make any sense, and so to improve community cohesion Furzehill residents have asked for Furzehill to be under a single Parish. Additionally, as Furzehill is a more rural area, and its residents have always felt aligned with Holt, they would like the village to be part of Holt Parish. It really is for no other reason.
- Wouldn't that mean less money for the Colehill money pot?
- Why? If it ain't broke, don't fix it!!!!!! Don't trust them.