

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS PANEL held in The Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon on Friday, 15 December 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor D Harty – Chairman.
Councillors J E Garner, A N Gilbert and K Reynolds.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors M F Newman and T D Sanderson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P J Downes.

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 2nd October 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

14. PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW - CONSULTATION

Further to Minute No. 11, the Panel discussed further issues arising from the parish electoral review of the District. Having been advised that the draft proposals had been published for public consultation and circulated to interested parties, Members' attention was drawn to parishes with parish meetings. In so doing, the Panel considered the amalgamation of such parishes to create larger parishes to enable a parish council to be established.

Having discussed preparations for further publicity, the Panel

RESOLVED

- (a) that, subject to consultation with Members of the Panel, further information be circulated to interested parties on the proposals for parishes with parish meetings detailing the various options and outlining the advantages and disadvantages of the proposals;
- (b) that a public notice on the consultation exercise be prepared for publication in newspapers circulating in the District and sent to all parishes for display in their parishes; and
- (c) that the consultation period be extended to allow for further consultation on the proposals outlined in a) above.

15. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

(The Chairman announced that he proposed to allow consideration of the following Item as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable the appointment of a Vice-Chairman following a review of the membership of the Panel)

RESOLVED

that Councillor A N Gilbert be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Chairman