

9 February 2018  
Democratic Services  
Selby District Council  
Civic Centre  
Doncaster Road  
Selby  
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Dear Sir,

Ref: Community Governance Review of Thorpe Willoughby Parish

I have the following comments to make on the proposed boundary review between Thorpe Willoughby and Hambleton Parishes.

1. Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council has attempted on several occasions over the years, since the Selby By-pass was built, to secure agreement between the Parishes for a boundary change from both Hambleton Parish Council and the residents within the area concerned. Hambleton Parish Council and the residents have turned down each informal approach. This new formal application to Selby District Council has been made without any prior written notification of its intention to request a a Community Governance Review from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to Hambleton Parish Council. Courtesy on the part of Thorpe Willoughby by informing Hambleton by letter, as they have done on previous informal occasions, would not have resulted in this application being viewed by Hambleton residents as an antagonistic bid to expand an already densely populated Parish that has already been built up to its boundary in this area.

2. The historic boundary between Hambleton and Thorpe Willoughby Parishes predates the 1797 Enclosure Act maps and there is no valid reason for this to change. Thorpe Willoughby's letter states that the Selby By-pass should now be considered as the boundary between the two Parishes but does not supply any valid reasons to substantiate such a change. The letter continues by stating that the residents within the area concerned benefit from services and amenities provided by Thorpe Willoughby but that their precepts are paid to Hambleton Parish, implying that the said services and amenities are provide by the Parish Council out of annual precept receipts. Most of the services and amenities mentioned are not within the remit of, or admininstered by, Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council. They are either privately run organisations and businesses or services provided by North Yorkshire County Council or the National Health Service via G.P. practices. The amenities provided by Thorpe Willoughby

Parish Council listed in the letter are the Village Green and the childrens' Play Area. Residents may or may not use these facilities or may use similar facilities in different parishes but a boundary is a fixed status and should not be changed simply because a new road has been constructed and one Parish Council believes the land at their side of the new road should then be taken into their Parish through a boundary change.

3. The letter also states that the road between Thorpe Willoughby and Hambleton is no longer accessible to motorised traffic between the two villages. Field Lane, as this road is known, may have stopped this type of traffic but it has not stopped the regular delivery of Hambleton's bi-monthly newsletter to the several dwellings via the A1238 and Fox Lane. Nor can the residents in this area have felt that the stopping up of the road was an issue as they have previously informed Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council they wish to remain within Hambleton Parish regardless. Walkers, dog walkers and cyclists regularly cross the Selby Bypass, at the designated crossing point to access the woodland areas and quiet country walks now made available and with the added bonus of not encountering speeding traffic along the carriage-way of Field Lane. Access to Hambleton by motorised transport is via Fox Lane and the A1238, which residents and businesses have been using regularly, without any problems.

4. The request letter states that Hambleton Parish Council are more amenable to a boundary review but I understand that no such amenability has been conveyed by letter, to Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council, to substantiate such a claim.

5. Should any review consider the gain or loss of benefits to each Parish then Thorpe Willoughby would gain additional precept receipts from the present dwellings within this location plus further additional precept receipts from the proposed development that is to be built adjacent to the present dwellings. Hambleton would lose these precepts receipts. The residents of any present or future dwellings within the area concerned would also lose the protected Burial Rights and Burial costs available only to the residents of Hambleton Parish and other benefits that are currently only available to Hambleton residents through organisations other than the Parish Council.

6. The area being considered for review contains, at present, only a small number of dwellings and these are some distance apart from the centre of Thorpe Willoughby. Those with direct access onto the A1238 have a large arable field that separates them from the new large Thorpe Willoughby estate that is built close to the Parish boundary and the dwellings on Field Lane have the Sports Club and Grounds separating them from the dwellings that are, again, built up to this section of the Thorpe Willoughby/Hambleton Parish boundary. As Hambleton is a rural village it is common to have outlying dwellings close to any part of its Parish boundary and these dwellings and their occupants receive the benefits enjoyed and entitled to on the same basis as those who live close to the centre of the village. Using the proximity of these dwellings to those within the present Thorpe Willoughby is not a strong enough reason to justify a boundary change.

7. The Terms of Reference advise that the District Councillor and County Councillor will be consulted on the review. Cllr. Chris Pearson is both the District Councillor and County Councillor for the Hambleton Parish. He is also a Thorpe Willoughby Parish Councillor who will have had some input at a Parish Council meeting into the discussion, decision and submission of the letter requesting a boundary review. He is also aware of the previous informal requests made by Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council and the position held by Hambleton Parish Council and residents on those occasions. Does his position, as a Thorpe Willoughby Parish Councillor place him in conflict with his position as the District and County Councillor for Hambleton Parish in trying to support both Parishes and Hambleton residents at the same time.

8. Hambleton Parish Council is well able to facilitate the parochial and democratic needs of the present residents and any potential future residents in the area concerned, as it does with all the outlying dwellings of the Parish, providing similar amenities, services and benefits as Thorpe Willoughby but also the other protected benefits only available to Hambleton residents.

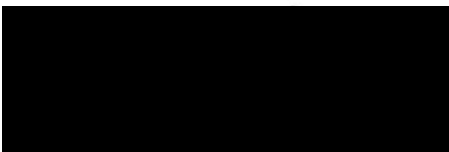
9. The Terms of Reference refer to a boundary up to the Selby By-pass but the area marked on the proposed boundary change map includes the A63 Roundabout and the full carriageway of the By-pass along to where the boundaries of Hambleton, Gateforth and Thorpe Willoughby would meet. How and why this line was chosen makes no sense and there is no justification in such a proposition other than to presume that at some time in the future the East Coast railway line could become the next target boundary for Thorpe Willoughby.

10. It is stated that there will be a financial cost incurred in carrying out a review and as this issue has not been agreed or initiated by Hambleton Parish then the full financial burden should be carried by Thorpe Willoughby, without prejudice to the outcome of a review carried out by Selby District Council.

In conclusion Hambleton Parish and the present and future residents in this location would not benefit from a boundary change, losing precept receipts for the Parish and protected amenity rights for the residents. Thorpe Willoughby, who have not supplied a list of any amenities these residents would gain over those of Hambleton, would gain present and future precept receipts. There is no justification in allowing boundary change based on just pecuniary interest by one party and the ease of movement of people between Parishes, which is all a re-alignment of this boundary would secure especially since the present boundary has been intact since before 1797.

I would be grateful if you would consider my comments and retain the historic boundary line between Thorpe Willoughby and Hambleton.

Yours faithfully



**Gina Mulderrig**

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**From:** Hambleton Parish Council  
**Sent:** 17 February 2018 16:14  
**To:** Democratic Services  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Community Governance Review: Thorpe Willoughby boundary change

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Hello there,

Hambleton Parish Council have the following observations on the

**"Community Governance Review: Thorpe Willoughby - Request to amend parish boundary"**

1. Hambleton Parish Council were never formally approached by Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council, and would have expected a letter of intent at least, before it being reported officially that 'Hambleton is more receptive than before'.
2. Hambleton PC will not be liable for any costs incurred by the process; the request was made by Thorpe Willoughby PC and is to their benefit alone.
3. Affected Hambleton residents must have their concerns taken into account, seriously considered and addressed before any decision is made.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Hambleton Parish Council

Democratic Services  
Selby District Council  
Doncaster Road  
Selby



**Objection to application for boundary change: Thorpe Willoughby / Hambleton**

I own properties in both villages.

**1 Reasons given are misleading and insufficient to justify expense – which I presume will be funded by Thorpe Willoughby PC as they have requested the change. Thorpe PC is only responsible for the maintenance of the village green/play area/ green areas – the other facilities mentioned in the application are either private or NYCC. Hambleton PC maintains similar facilities to those in Thorpe ie play area and recreation/football field/Hough etc and there are in addition private and NYCC provisions. There is a lively interchange of residents between both villages using each other's assets due to proximity and ease of access. Neither village makes the other worse off.**

**2 The current number of residents in the area under review is small and unlikely to make any significant difference either way. There is potential for future housing, but this possible increase in population would make little difference to the current facilities that Thorpe PC already maintain and is not a valid reason for boundary change. Access to both Hambleton and Thorpe schools is a matter for NYCC – not the Parish Councils. Urban sprawl is not a reason for boundary change.**

**3 Hambleton Burial Authority provide and maintain a local graveyard for the benefit of past and present residents of Hambleton Parish only. There is no graveyard in Thorpe Willoughby whose residents are only able to use the facilities provided by Brayton which is several miles away and the opposite side of Thorpe Willoughby to the area of land under review.**

**Current and potential Hambleton residents are within walking distance of the graveyard making it sustainable. The suggested new boundary of the A63 bypass does not form a barrier between the villages, as is implied, as the land in question is linked to Hambleton by road and directly across the A63 to the graveyard by a bridleway for walkers. The proposed boundary change would mean potential residents will lose the benefit of a local graveyard. It would particularly penalise the elderly who are the most likely group to need this provision and are the least mobile and need proximity for visiting.**

**Therefore, if this application is allowed, it should only be on condition that Thorpe Willoughby create their own village burial authority and graveyard within the parish of Thorpe Willoughby. This would replace lost rights to a local graveyard, provide a new valuable asset for the village and put the potential extra income to good use.**



**Gina Mulderrig**

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**From:** Gateforth Parish Council  
**Sent:** 05 March 2018 08:53  
**To:** Democratic Services  
**Subject:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - THORPE WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL

I refer to the Community Governance Review relating to a request from Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council to amend the parish boundary to include the land up to the Selby Bypass. This proposal has been considered by Gateforth Parish Council and I can advise that the Council does not wish to raise any objections to this proposal.



Gateforth Parish Council

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 22 March 2018 12:56

**To:** Palbinder Mann

**Subject:** Community Governance Review of Thorpe Willoughby Parish

Dear Palbinder,

I am writing with regard to your letter dated 20th March 2018, which I received today 22nd March 2018.

I would like to know what, exactly, are going to be the benefits of having our boundary changed.

From looking back at my records up until 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 council tax bills we paid Thorpe Willoughby it is only in the last two years we have paid towards Hambleton, so does the Thorpe Willoughby Council now owe these payments to Hambleton?

We are practically equal distance from Thorpe Willoughby and Hambleton, we can use the shops and public houses in both, we vote in Hambleton, and I cannot see any good reason to move this boundary.

I believe the reasons T/W parish council wish to move the boundary is because of the building which is likely to be passed on JSR land which falls into the Hambleton parish, is there a financial implication? if so the motive for the boundary move would be just that, and for no other reason, it would not benefit us, or the houses at the top of Field Lane.

Linden Homes and Miller Homes are already putting a strain on the facilities of Thorpe Willoughby, so moving the boundary to the bypass would eventually increase the strain, and not improve it.

I do not want the boundary to change, however, I am not sure my opinion matters much in this case.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 26 March 2018 11:04

**To:** Democratic Services

**Subject:** Thorpe Willoughby Parish Boundary

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of Thorpe Willoughby Sports Association regarding the above.

We completely support the proposal to amend the parish boundary. We feel that it is ludicrous that the land which we lease, which is owned by Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council, is part of Hambleton Parish. The centre of the village of Hambleton is around two miles away and we have no affinity whatsoever with Hambleton. In fact Hambleton Parish Council have not shown any interest in the playing fields or Sports Association in the past 10 years that I've been closely associated with the facilities on Field Lane.

For your information we are not the only tenants of the playing fields at Field Lane. West Selby Miners Welfare Scheme hold a lease over the majority of the playing fields and may also have a view. Their Chair is [REDACTED] who can be reached at [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]