

Tharston and Hapton Parish Council



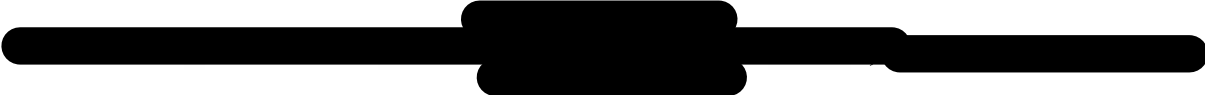
Long Stratton, Wacton, Hapton & Tharston Tri Parish Council - Terms of Reference

Back Ground

1. It is recognised that shared parish boundaries are becoming blurred and it is no longer possible to define a clear boundary between these parishes either physically or socially as required by the Governance Review.
2. Changes in one parish can have a significant impact on neighbouring parishes for which the adjacent parish has no/little say. Long Stratton relies on Wacton, Tharston and Hapton for access as they rely on Long Stratton for facilities
3. The current Governance Review is looking for recommendations to address the local issues.

It is proposed to form a Long Stratton, Wacton, Hapton & Tharston Tri Parish Council to address the above issues.

Tri- Council Terms of Reference - DRAFT

1. The Tri-Council will in no way affect the individual work and powers of the individual PC's involved.
 2. The role of the Tri Council is to address issues which affect the area (pc's?) as a whole. For example, the development of Long Stratton needs to be more sympathetic to the effects it has on the surrounding areas. The tri will agree on a mutually acceptable approach.
 3. Any decisions made at a Tri Council meeting will only be adopted when each PC has agreed.
 4. Mutual support across the Tri Council will allow the sharing of pc best practices in line with the requirements of current Governance review.
 5. The Tri Council will meet monthly
 6. The Tri Council will be formed of the Chair plus one nominated Councillor from each of the respective Parish Councils plus a Clerk to record the decisions.
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Benefits case

1. Streamlined, coordinated decision making :-
 - a. Reduces wasted cost by ensuring the right changes are made the first time to the benefit of all the communities.
 - b. Reduced Clerks costs by reduced number of letters, emails & meetings
 - c. Reduction in duplicated/overlapping projects.
2. Communities know that their views are being listened to in the wider context.
3. Shared pc best practice leads to improved pc Governance.

Implementation

1. It is important that the work and findings of the Tri Council is recognised by the government as a whole.
 2. District, local and county council should consider that the Tri Council's recommendations come from consultation with parishioners and are without prejudice or agenda
 3. Agreement from the respective pc's.
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