

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE PARISH OF CLUN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007
FINAL PROPOSALS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The principal reasons for this review are to overcome concerns that have been raised over the electoral arrangements for Clun Parish principally that the electorate is over represented and to consider whether the Parish Council should continue to be warded. If so how the councillors are divided between each of those wards. The proposals will need to be appropriate for at least the next five years to 2016.
- 1.2 On 13 April 2011 Shropshire Council's Cabinet established a cross party Community Governance Working Party (CGWP) with extensive delegated powers to conduct all aspects of the Community Governance Review of Clun up to the making of the final Order. The nature of this review is specified in the Terms of Reference published on 1 August 2011. These include consideration of:
- the number of members of the Clun Parish Council;
 - the division of the parish into wards;
 - the number of members per ward;
 - the name of the Parish Council
- 1.3 The publication of the final proposals relating to these and other matters contained in this document takes account of all representations received from several individuals and bodies for a three month period commencing on 1 September 2011. A further period of two months ending on 5 February 2012 was also provided for comment to be received on the draft proposals. All further representations received by this deadline were considered by the Community Governance Working Party in detail, before this Final Proposals document was published and presented to the Council.

2.0 **SUMMARY OF FINAL PROPOSALS**

2.1 The Community Governance Working Party's final proposals which will take effect in May 2013 for the next ordinary election of councillors are set out below. These are supported by the statistical analysis set out in Annex A which includes:-

- a) A 9 seat Council (a reduction of three seats).
- b) The ward names will remain unchanged and will be Clun and Chapel Lawn.
- c) The distribution of parish councillors between the wards will be as follows:

<u>Ward Name</u>	<u>No. Councillors</u>
Chapel Lawn	2 Councillors
Clun	7 Councillors

- d) That the Council be known as Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The electoral arrangements for Clun Parish Council currently provide for a 12 seat Council. These arrangements have provided a satisfactory electoral balance between the wards for many years. However, the Parish Council expressed some concern about the number of seats on the Parish Council and difficulties in filling all of those seats. Currently, there are two wards Chapel Lawn which has three seats and Clun which has nine seats.
- 3.2 Shropshire Council (The Council) is undertaking a review of the electoral arrangements for Clun, including its warding arrangements and the number of seats, under the provisions of Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, together with the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Act by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission (Revised March 2010).
- 3.3 The review has also highlighted that the Parish Council is known locally as Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council and that one of the respondents to the review has suggested that the Council be called Clun with Chapel Lawn Parish Council. This situation needs to be addressed as part of this review.
- 3.4 In preparing these final proposals, the CGWP has been mindful of the Terms of Reference document published on 1 August 2011 which require it to take account of:
- the number of members elected to the Clun Parish Council;
 - the division of the parish into wards and their names;
 - the number of members per ward;
 - the name of the Parish Council
- 3.5 It has also taken account of the comments received from the Clun Parish Council, as well as representations received from two local residents. These are contained in Schedules 1 and 2 to this document and have been received following:
- attendance at meetings of the Parish Council to explain the purpose of the review;
 - the publication of official public notices and press releases to draw attention to the purpose and timing of the Review;
 - the publication of details about of the review on the Council's website with several front page reminders.
- 3.6 During the earlier stages of the review all local members of the Council, the political parties and other local organisations were informed of the review and

their comments invited. They have also been invited to comment on the draft proposals.

4.0 **CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The comments received are set out in Schedules 1 and 2, attached. Following the publication of the Terms of Reference, the Parish Council made no formal recommendation on the number of Parish Councillors, but the Clerk commented on the desire to see a reduction with a view to minimising the number of casual vacancies. A suggestion has been made that in the Chapel Lawn ward there should be 2 seats (down from 3 seats) and in the Clun ward 7 seats (down from 9 seats).
- 4.2 Comments have been received from two local residents, both of whom support the principal wishes of the Parish Council to reduce the number of members. Mr Patrick Cosgrove expresses his concern that a poll to elect members to the Parish Council has not been held for many years and that this is the result of insufficient candidates being nominated. He also has a concern about the quality of the members of the Parish Council and the lack of dynamism because of the apathy of potential electors.
- 4.3 Mr Cosgrove had attended a Parish Council meeting in December 2010 and although the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council both said that efforts had been made to engage parishioners, he was not persuaded by the response he was given. His conclusion is that this will not change without a reduction in seats. He suggests a reduction from 12 to 10 seats.
- 4.4 Mr Cosgrove also argues that Chapel Lawn is a quite separate geographical area with a highly diverse collection of residents. He says the area is also culturally and socially distinct from Clun. Chapel Lawn also has several active community groups and therefore requires effective representation. He would prefer to see two councillors for the area, rather than representation sitting with just one individual. That would provide an elector: councillor ration of 80:1.
- 4.5 Mr Cosgrove suggests that Clun should be represented by 8 members giving a ratio of 100:1 and bringing the total number of seats down to 10. He argues that a reduction in seats is more important than absolute parity of ratios.
- 4.6 Mr Donald Pritchard comments that the Parish Council currently has 12 seats but that this number has rarely been achieved in the last 4 years and, only 8 or 10 members attended Council meetings.
- 4.7 He says that there is a regular turnover of councillors with many being nominated because of their interest in a particular local issue and that their interest falls off in time. He says that most business of the Council seems to be channelled through the Chair.
- 4.8 Mr Pritchard suggests that a Council of 8 members would be more appropriate with two seats from Chapel Lawn and 6 from Clun. He also suggests that the Clun ward could be itself be divided by using the River Clun as the boundary between the two wards. He suggests that these wards should be called South Clun and Woodside and North Clun and with each having three seats. He suggested that the name of the Parish Council should

recognise that the area is split into distinct settlements and be called Clun with Chapel Lawn Parish Council.

- 4.9 Mr Eric Williams, Clerk to Clun Parish Council has provided further background to the Parish Council's request for a reduction in the number of seats. The Parish Council has made no formal recommendation on the number of councillors, but believes this should be for the Community Governance Working Party to determine based on the guidelines issued by the National Association of Local Councils.
- 4.10 The Parish Clerk has also advised that there are currently twelve councillors and that six of those have been co-opted. The Parish Council has not had a contested election for many years and for long periods there have been three vacancies.
- 4.11 Mr Williams says that there has been criticism that councillors have not been elected by a vote in either a full Council election or even a by-election when councillors resign. While accepting that a reduction in the number of seats cannot guarantee an elected council, he suggests in a personal capacity a Council of nine seats with seven seats in the Clun ward and two in the Chapel Lawn ward.
- 4.12 The Parish Council have responded to the draft proposals and their comments are shown on schedule 2. The Parish Council supports the proposal to reduce the number of members of the Parish Council from 12 to 9 and for the Clun Ward to have 7 seats and the Chapel Lawn Ward to have 2 seats.
- 4.12 The Parish Council has also suggested a different name for the Council which would recognise Clun as a Town. However, following further correspondence with the Parish Clerk, the Parish Council has confirmed its support for the Parish to be known as Clun and Chapel Lawn.

5.0 ELECTORAL EQUALITY AND COUNCIL SIZE

- 5.1 As mentioned in paragraph 2.1 above, the new electoral arrangements for Clun and Chapel Lawn will take effect in May 2013 and continue to provide for two wards as depicted in Map 1 and detailed in Annex A, attached. The elector: councillor ratio is currently as follows:

<u>Ward Name</u>	<u>No. electors per councillor</u>	<u>% variance from electoral average</u>
Chapel Lawn	52	-34.4
Clun	89	+11.5

- 5.2 The electorate for Clun Parish as of 1 June 2011 stood at 958 (Chapel Lawn 157 and Clun 801) and this is predicted to rise to 975 (Chapel Lawn 157 and Clun 818) by 2016. With twelve seats (Chapel Lawn 3 and Clun 9) the electoral average (that is the number of electors each councillor should ideally represent if each vote is to be of equal value) presently stands at 79.8.
- 5.3 Because it is extremely difficult to achieve an identical councillor: elector ratio across all of the wards, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England accepts a 10% tolerance to allow for local circumstances. This equates to each Clun Parish Councillor representing an electorate of between approximately 73 and 89 electors based on the estimated electorate of 975 for 2016.
- 5.4 In terms of the number of councillors, there is no statutory guidance on the size of a Council serving a parish with over 900 electors beyond the minimum five councillors required to establish a Parish Council. However, based on the respected formulae produced by both the Aston Business School and the National Association of Local Councils, a parish of Clun and Chapel Lawn's size should have a council of between 6 and 12 members.
- 5.5 The Parish Clerk's preference to reduce the number of councillors to nine and Mr Pickard's suggestion of nine members, lies within this range and are therefore entirely acceptable. The suitability of reducing to a Council of nine members is reinforced by the fact that since the last local council elections in 2007 there was considerable difficulty in maintaining a full complement of councillors for the twelve seats. There have been eight vacancies during that time and the Parish Clerk has confirmed that at one time three seats were vacant.
- 5.6 This tends to suggest that if the number of seats on the Parish Council was reduced to the middle of the range, this would help alleviate this problem. One of the comments made by the Parish Clerk was that the reduction in the number of members should be to an odd number as this would reduce the

need for the Chairman to use his second or casting vote. A council of nine councillors therefore appears to be both viable and sustainable.

6.0 **BOUNDARY CHANGES**

6.1 After taking account of the representations received and the implications for future local government in the parish, the CGWP considers that the historic ward boundaries of Clun and Chapel Lawn should remain unchanged as they continue to reflect the current and future patterns of development and to provide convenient and effective local governance for local residents.

6.2 The CGWP has considered a proposal put forward by Mr Pickard that the Clun ward should be divided into two by using the River Clun as the dividing line and has discounted the proposal for the following reasons:

- That the Parish of Clun is a long established historic parish and there is no demonstrable evidence to suggest that an additional ward would improve community identity or increase the interest of local residents in becoming a parish councillor.
- that although the River Clun would provide a clear definable boundary between the two parts of Clun, there would be an imbalance of electors in the two areas. The elector: councillor ratio would be as follows:

Chapel Lawn	79:1
Clun North	181:1
Clun South and Woodside	91:1

- That there would be an increased cost to the Parish Council associated with the organisation and holding of elections to an additional ward, particularly at the four yearly ordinary elections when amongst other things, an additional polling station and additional staff may be required on polling day. For a parish council ward, this could cost in the region of £800.

7.0 WARDING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNITY IDENTITY

- 7.1 When considering whether to establish a warding pattern for the purpose of parish elections, the law requires the Council to first consider whether it is desirable for any part of the parish to be represented separately. It must then consider whether the number or distribution of electors within the parish/town would make a single election of councillors impracticable.
- 7.2 Clearly, in urban settlements, there is a very strong case for dividing the parish into electoral wards, as community identity and community interests tend to focus on a locality or neighbourhood. This can be an existing housing estate, a shopping centre or some community facility. Where there is evidence that different parts of a town have had their own sense of identity historically, this supports the establishment or retention of electoral wards.
- 7.3 However, as highlighted in the previous section, it is critical where warding arrangements exist that each vote continues to be of equal value, as far as is practicable. No ward should be significantly over or under represented.
- 7.4 The CGWP believes that the universal removal of Clun and Chapel Lawn's electoral wards, thereby returning future elections to the whole of the parish, would be detrimental to the maintenance of community identity and community interests. One of the respondents to the consultation exercise has argued that Chapel Lawn is geographically separate from Clun and that it contains a highly diverse collection of residents ranging from long standing farming families to relatively young artists and craft people and is culturally and socially distinct. He adds that Clun has a surprisingly active community with various groups such as the Air-gun Club and the History Group. Moreover, it would undermine local democracy in the parish because local electors would then find it difficult to identify the elected representatives for their local area and relate to the Council as a whole.
- 7.5 The absence of parish wards would also make it difficult for elected and prospective councillors to effectively canvass the area or to serve the electorate appropriately. There would be a total lack of transparency and accountability in decision making. Indeed, rather than making local governance more convenient and effective, it would have the reverse effect by preventing the development of community identity and, in consequence, the development and future maintenance of community cohesion.
- 7.6 The CGWP has also considered the suggestion that the Clun ward be divided into two parts using the River Clun as the boundary. The River Clun meanders west to east across the ward and runs through the Town of Clun. It would provide a clear and distinctive boundary between the two wards, but would divide the Town of Clun between the two wards. For a relatively small Town, this division may have detrimental effect on community identity.
- 7.7 For these reasons the CGWP regards the provision of appropriate warding arrangements for Clun and Chapel Lawn as essential and recommends that a membership of 9 members is divided between 2 wards as follows:

<u>Name of Ward</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>
Chapel Lawn	2
Clun	7

7.8 The distribution of electors across two parish wards to achieve an electoral variance in both wards which are within the 10% tolerance expected by LGBCE is very difficult to achieve with a parish the size of Clun and Chapel Lawn and a 'best fit' approach needs to be adopted.

7.9 It is intended that the electoral arrangements will incorporate the use of the same polling places (buildings where polling stations are located) as are presently being used. For the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish area these are:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Chapel Lawn	Redlake Valley Village Hall, Chapel Lawn
Clun	Clun Memorial Hall, Clun

7.10 These stations will ensure that all electors in the Parish are allocated to the polling station which is most convenient to them within their ward.

7.11 The consultation has shown that the Parish Council is known locally and unofficially as Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council, whilst there is a suggestion that the name should be changed to Clun with Chapel Lawn Parish Council. Officially, the name is Clun Parish Council. This situation needs to be clarified. Because the Parish Council already goes by the name of Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council, the CGWP considers that this name should be formally adopted as one of its recommendations.

7.12 The Council is anxious not to introduce more change into the electoral arrangements for Clun and Chapel Lawn than is absolutely necessary. The CGWP has also considered the terms of reference which were limited to considering:

- The number of members of Clun Parish Council
- The division of the parish into wards
- The number of members per ward
- The name of the Parish Council

and does not wish to make any other proposals.

8.0 COUNCIL TAX PRECEPTS

- 8.1 Council Tax precepts are paid in respect of Shropshire Council, Fire and Police. The level of precept is the same across all areas of Shropshire for these authorities.
- 8.2 Each town and parish council can set its own precept to raise funds to be spent on local services. No boundary changes are proposed within the draft recommendations and therefore no changes to the level of Council Tax paid by residents of Clun and Chapel Lawn will be made as a consequence of implementing the draft proposals.

9.0 EFFECTIVE AND CONVENIENT LOCAL GOVERNANCE

- 9.1 Delivering effective and convenient local governance is a vital part of any Community Governance Review. The CGWP is conscious of this responsibility and considers that its draft recommendations will achieve a 'best fit' for this objective for the reasons stated in this report.
- 9.2 The minimalist approach to this review will ensure that the historic parish wards of Chapel Lawn and Clun retain their individual identity.

10.0 **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- 10.1 An initial timetable for this review was outlined in the Terms of Reference document published on 1 August 2011. However, it has been possible to foreshorten the period required to prepare both the draft and final proposals such that the CGWP has set a revised timetable for completing the review. The remaining stages are as follows:-

<u>What Happens?</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Final Recommendations are published – concluding review	6 March 2012
Council resolves to make Reorganisation Order	10 May 2012

- 10.2 For the reasons outlined above, the CGWP considers that a Council size of 9 councillors based on two Parish wards can provide effective and convenient community governance for the whole of the Clun Parish and this document sets out to explain its initial recommendations for the future of Community Governance for the area.
- 10.3 There will be a short period before the Council publishes its recommendations in this Review. This is time to allow for any final submissions and/arguments to be made covering matters which have not arisen earlier in the Review.

11.0 **HOW TO CONTACT US**

11.1 Comments should be submitted to the Democratic Services Section of the Council. They can be submitted either by letter or email.

11.2 You can contact us at:-

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SY2 6ND

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Email: democracy@shropshire.gov.uk

Web: www.shropshire.gov.uk

11.3 Details of officer contacts are as follows:

Richard Thomas – Democratic Services & Elections Manager

Telephone Number : 01743 252725

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Adrian Dean – Senior Committee Officer

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12.0 LIST OF APPENDICES AND MAPS

12.1

- Map 1 - Clun Parish including the parish wards of Clun and Chapel Lawn

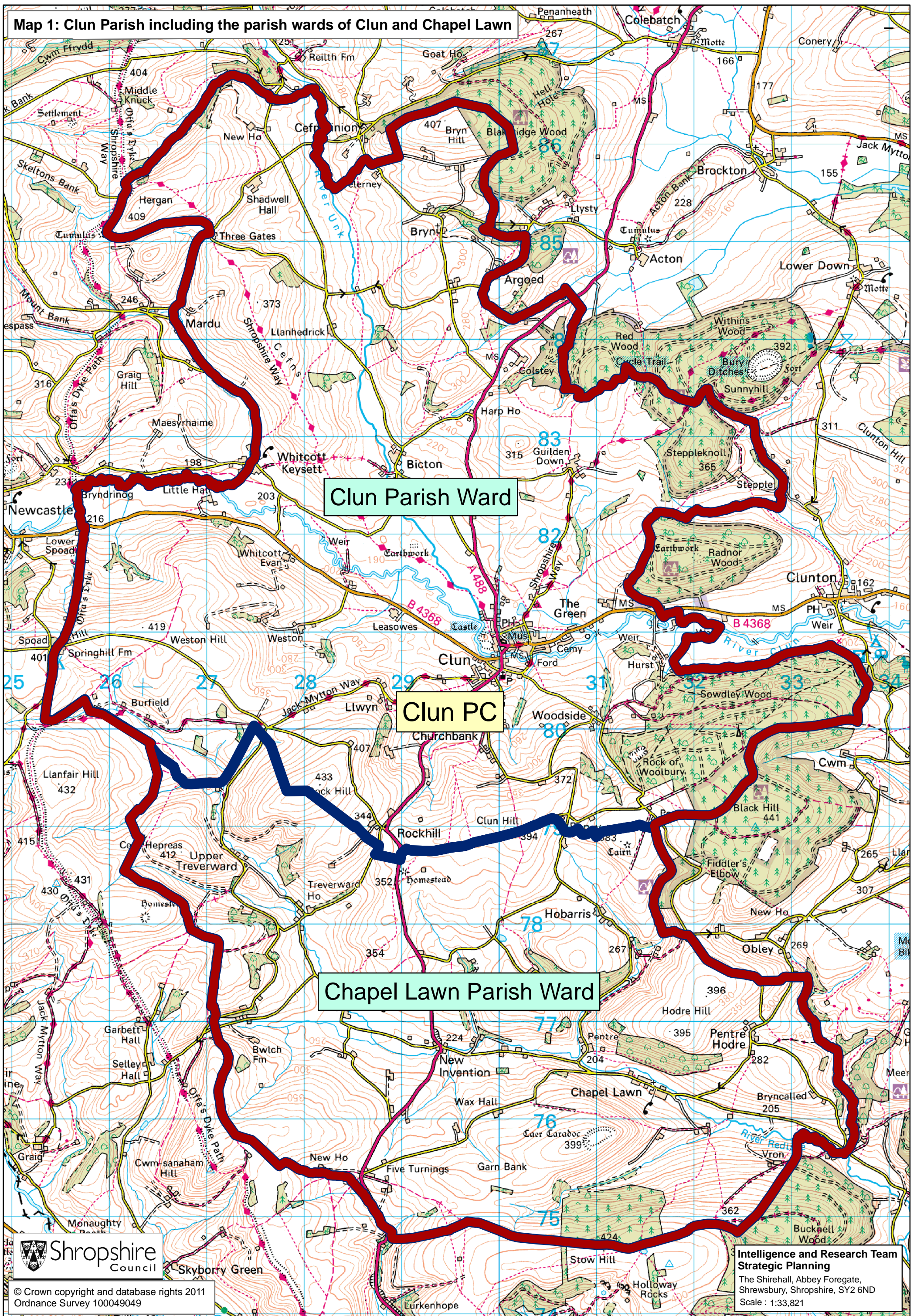
- Annex A - Statistical details of ward arrangements as at June 2011.

- Annex B - Statistical details of ward arrangements as at June 2016.

- Annex C - Statistical details of suggested 3 ward arrangements as at June 2016.

- Schedule 1 - Submissions received by the Council up to 30 November 2011.
- Schedule 2 - Submissions received by Council up to 6 February 2012.

Map 1: Clun Parish including the parish wards of Clun and Chapel Lawn



Clun Parish Ward

Clun PC

Chapel Lawn Parish Ward

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Annex A

Current Electoral Arrangements				
WARDS	NUMBER OF SEATS	WARD ELECTORATE	ELECTORS PER SEAT	+/- %
Chapel Lawn	3	157	52	-34.4
Clun	9	801	89	11.5
	12	958	80	

As at 1 June 2011

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Annex B

Proposals for May 2013					
WARDS	NUMBER OF SEATS	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	WARD ELECTORATE	ELECTORS PER SEAT	+/- %
Chapel Lawn	2	157	157	79	-27.5
Clun	7	818	818	117	7.9
	9	975	975	108	

As at 1 June 2016

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Annex C

Proposals for May 2013				
WARDS	NUMBER OF SEATS	WARD ELECTORATE	ELECTORS PER SEAT	+/- %
Chapel Lawn	2	157	79	-35.6
Clun North	3	544	181	48.8
Clun South and Woodside	3	274	91	-25.1
	8	975	122	

As at 1 June 2016

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Schedule of comments received

	Comments from	Summary of Comments Received	Officer Response
1.	Patrick Cosgrove	<p>I consider it deeply unsatisfactory that there has not been an election for the whole parish council for many years. I am unable to discover precisely how many years that it is, but I believe it to be a considerable time. I appreciate that this is the result of there being insufficient applicants for the full number of councillor vacancies. Although one could reasonably take the view that the parish gets the council it deserves because of apathy on the part of potential electors, the number of seats available (twelve) renders it unlikely that there will ever be an excess of candidates as there are never people clamouring to become parish councillors. A move to redress this situation would be welcome.</p> <p>I attended a parish council in December 2010 in order to express my dissatisfaction on this issue. The chairman and clerk attempted to convince me that great effort had been made to engage parishioners in parish council matters but I was not persuaded by there arguments. I think a lot more could be done but do not think that it will be under the present chairmanship, nor given the poor quality of debate and apparent lack of dynamism shown by the parish council as a whole, and with the number of seats remaining at 12. The conclusion I have reached is that the situation will not change without a reduction in the number of council seats.</p> <p>My preferred outcome would be that the number of seats be reduced from 12 to 10. My principal concern, of course, is with the Chapel Lawn representation within the overall council. Chapel Lawn is geographically separate from Clun; it contains a highly diverse collection of residents ranging from long-standing farming families, to middle-class retirees, to</p>	

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		<p>relatively young artists and crafts people; it is culturally and socially distinct by comparison with Clun. For a small population it is a surprisingly active community with groups formed from the Church, the WI, the History Group, the Astronomical Society, the Air-gun club and the Village Hall Committee. Therefore it requires effective representation. However, to avoid representation sitting with one individual, I would prefer there to be two councillors for Chapel Lawn. A single councillor is less likely to reflect the spread of views on a particular subject. It also permits representation if one councillor cannot attend a meeting. With a population of 157 that provides a ratio of approximately 80:1.</p> <p>Given a total population of 958 for the whole parish, if the 801 residents in Clun were represented by eight councillors, the resulting ratio of 100:1 is not sufficiently different to create an unfair advantage for Chapel Lawn, but brings the number of councillor down to 10. Given the reluctance of residents to stand as councillors, a reduction in the number of councillors is more important than an absolute parity of ratios as makes it more likely that there will be more people wanting to stand than places available, and elections will take place.</p>	
2.	Eric Williams – Clerk to Clun Parish Council	<p>That consideration is given to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chapel Lawn – 2 Councillors b) Clun – 7 Councillors <p>Therefore making a total of nine councillors</p> <p>Obviously the final option could be for no change</p>	

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3.	Donald Pickard	<p>I note that the review will consider the following: The number of members of Clun Parish Council The division of the parish into wards The number of members per ward The name of the Parish Council</p> <p>The present number of Councillors allowed is 12, but that number has rarely been achieved over the past 4 years. The average attendance at the council appears to be 8-10. There is a fairly regular turnover of councillors retiring and being replaced by nomination. It is observable that with many of the newer councillors the pattern seems to be that they are nominated because of their interest in a local issue (often of a planning application), but that their interest tails off in time.</p> <p>Participation by councillors in council business is not very active in council meetings, and most of the business seems to be channelled through the chair.</p> <p>In accordance with the data included in the review documentation, I would suggest that a more appropriate number of councillors for this parish should be EIGHT. Of these, 2 should represent CHAPEL LAWN, and the remaining SIX represent Clun.</p> <p>Were is possible, I consider that the representation might be more active and effective if the Clun Ward were divided into two, using the River Clun as the dividing line. Each of the two divisions, should then have THREE councillors. viz.: SOUTH CLUN and WOODSIDE, THREE: NORTH CLUN, THREE.</p> <p>For the name of the Council, I would strongly suggest that, since Clun and Chapel Lawn are distinct settlements, relating to different community hubs</p>	

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		<p>and market towns, the name of the Council should be CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL.</p> <p>I write as an elector within Clun. In the last five years I have acted as convenor and secretary of the Parish Plan Group of the Council, and now am one of the editorial team of the Clun Chronicle and Newcastle Notes, which has a circulation of about 500 copies every month in the area.</p>	
4.	Eric Williams – Clerk to Clun Parish Council	<p>The Parish Council discussed the Community Governance Review at its meeting on the 26th October 2011 but decided to make no formal recommendation on the number of Parish Councillors for the May 2013 elections but believe that this should be decided by the independent Shropshire Review Panel and based on the guidelines issued by the National Association of Local Councils in respect to the number of electors.</p> <p>Currently the Parish Council have twelve Parish Councillors of which six have been co-opted over a period of time.</p> <p>The Parish Council have not had contested election for many years will Councillors been elected unopposed because there has not been sufficient nominations received.</p> <p>With the introduction of Localism and with some services being passed down to Clun Parish Council which have resulted in a substantial increase in the precept there has been general criticism from the public that Councillors have not been actually elected by a vote.</p> <p>Despite advertising the appropriate Notice Of Vacancy on casual vacancies again only one person has only come forward.</p> <p>Although the Parish Council currently has twelve Councillors for long</p>	

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		<p>periods of time there were three vacancies.</p> <p>Now is the opportunity for the matter to be addressed to seek a reduction in the number of Councillors preferably by an uneven number to avoid if possible the use of the Chairman's casting vote.</p> <p>It is appreciated that even if there is a reduction in Councillors this still cannot guarantee an actually elected Council because it will be dependent on the number of nominations received.</p> <p>The initial suggestion of two Councillors for Chapel Lawn Ward and seven for Clun Ward was suggested by myself as Clerk.</p> <p>The Parish Council did recommend that Clun Parish Council be renamed Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council.</p>	

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1.	Clun Parish Council	<p>The Parish Council at its meeting on 25 January 2012 agreed the following which is a copy of the minute extract:</p> <p>11. Response to the Draft recommendations of the Governance Review:</p> <p>The draft recommendation of the Shropshire Council Governance Review Committee was that from May 2013 there should be a reduction in Parish Councillors from 12 to 9 (Clun Ward 7 Councillors and Chapel Ward 2 Councillors) and to rename the Parish Council Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council.</p> <p>After much discussion particularly around the name of the Council where it was felt that the name should recognise that Clun is actually a Town.</p> <p>It was proposed by Mrs B Palmer and seconded by Mr K Terry and agreed by the Parish Council that the proposed reduction in the number of councillors be accepted and that the name of the Council should be Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn.</p> <p>In relation to the name of the Parish Council members were of the opinion that the Name should actually reflect that Clun is actually a small market town although probably the smallest town in Shropshire.</p>	<p>Although a community governance review can make recommendations about the name of a Council this review cannot make a recommendation about the style (Parish Council, Town Council etc) of a parish council.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk has been advised that the Parish Council can resolve at anytime to change its style.</p> <p>The Parish Council has also been advised that the style 'Town Council' must be applied to</p>

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			the whole Council and not just part of it and have been referred to Section 11A(4) Local Government Act 1972 and paragraph 112 of the LGBE guidance of community governance reviews and to seek further advise from SALC and/or NALC.
2.	Eric Williams Parish Clerk - Clun Parish Council	Will stick with the draft proposals Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council then the Parish Council can relook at the provision of Town if they wish.	