

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF
THE PARISH OF RUYTON-XI-TOWNS**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH
ACT 2007**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PARISH AND PARISH COUNCILS
(ENGLAND) REGULATION 2008**

FINAL PROPOSALS

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council has requested Shropshire Council (the Council) to consent to including the area known as Pradoe View currently within its parish boundaries within the boundaries of West Felton parish.
- 1.2 In support of the request for the Governance Review, a survey was carried out of the residents of Pradoe View. 17 of them responded all indicating that they supported the inclusion of Pradoe View in the West Felton Parish.
- 1.3 The Council gave public notice of a Community Governance Review of Ruyton-XI-Towns on 17 October 2011 and also published the Terms of Reference for the review on that date. Notices inviting comments from local residents were displayed in the area and copies of the Terms of Reference were also sent to stakeholders and interested parties. Information on the effect of the review was also available for inspection at its offices at Shirehall, Shrewsbury and on the Council's website.
- 1.4 The Terms of Reference were intended to prompt local consideration and initiate discussion in order that the Council could take account of local feeling when preparing its Draft Proposal Document. All concerned were invited to submit their comments in writing by 5 December 2011. In addition to a petition signed by all the residents of Pradoe View, two responses have been received from local residents who feel quite strongly that Pradoe View should be included in West Felton parish. (See schedule 1).

1.5 The Council published its Draft Proposals on 6 January 2012 and gave the same level of publicity as had been given when the Terms of Reference had been published.

1.6 Two further comments have been received from the local Shropshire Council member who is supportive of the draft proposals and from the Clerk to Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council. (See schedule 2).

2. **Proposed Changes to the Electoral Arrangements**

2.1 There are currently 12 electors included in the Register of Electors for Pradoe View and consequently, there are no proposals to change the current electoral arrangements for either Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council or for West Felton Parish Council. Both Councils will continue to have 11 seats each.

3. **What Happens Next**

3.1 An initial timetable for this review was outlined in the Terms of Reference document published on 17 October 2011. However, it has been possible to foreshorten the period required to prepare both the draft and final proposals and the Community Governance Working Party has set a revised timetable for completing the review which is as follows:-

<u>Stage</u>	<u>What Happens?</u>	<u>Timescales</u>
	Final Recommendations are published – concluding review	7 March 2012
	Council resolves to make Reorganisation Order	10 May 2012

4.0 **Summary of Draft Recommendations**

4.1 For the reasons outlined above, the Community Governance Working Party considers that the area known as Pradoe View should cease to be part of the

Ruyton-XI-Towns parish and should be included in the West Felton Parish.
(See Map 1).

- 4.2 There will now be a short period after the final proposals are published before the Council approves the recommendations. This will allow further time for any final submissions and/or arguments to be made covering matters which did not arise during earlier stages of the Review.

5. **How to contact us**

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

- 5.2 You can contact us at:

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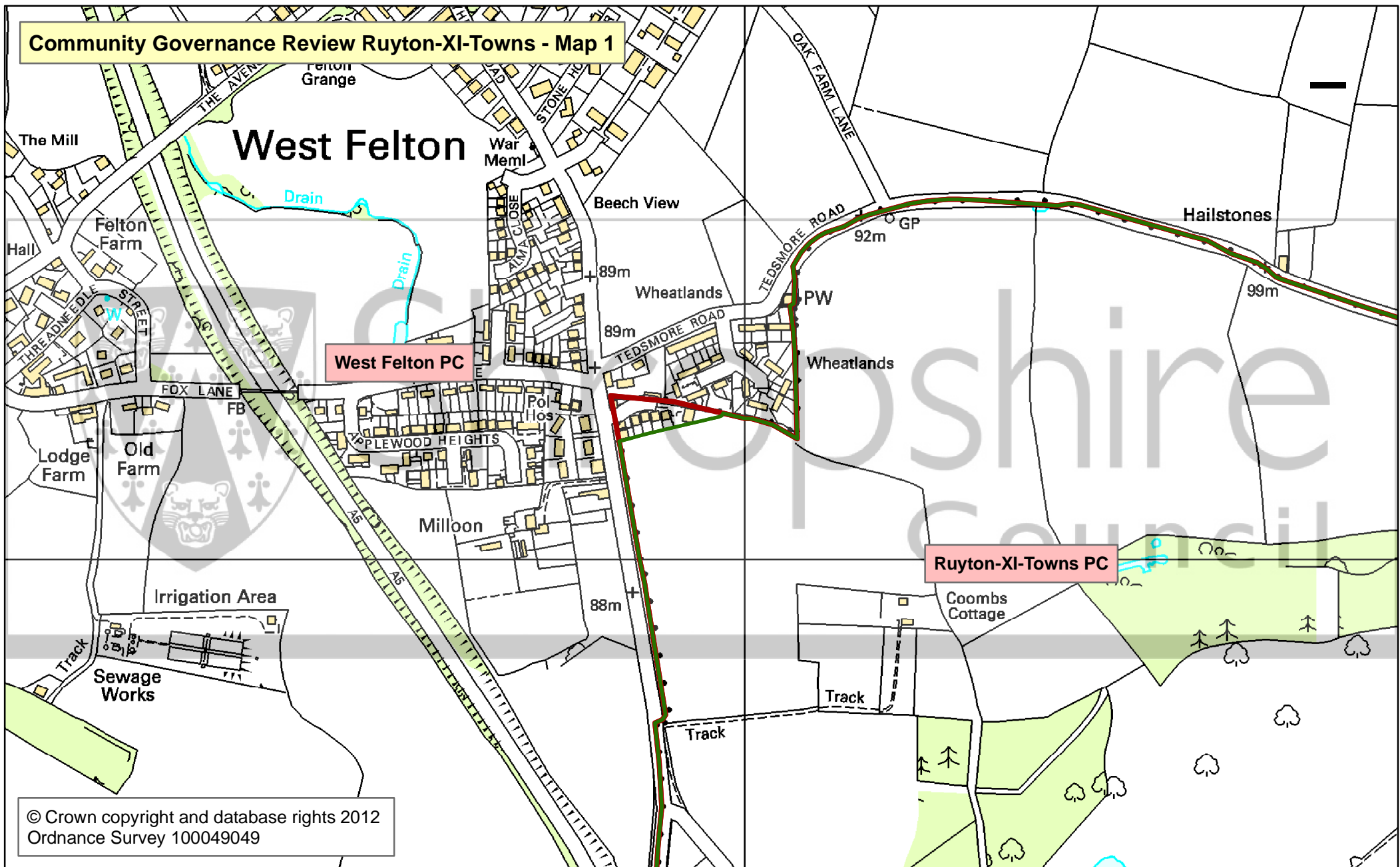
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Community Governance Review Ruyton-XI-Towns - Map 1



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Schedule 1

Schedule of comments received

	Comments from	Summary of Comments Received	Officer Response
1.	Lesley Monaghan	<p>In December 2009, when I bought my house in Pradoc View, all the legal paperwork, including Land Registry, referred to the property as being at Pradoc View, West Felton. I was told that the site had previously been occupied by West Felton Garage, post-code SY11 4EW. My house was allocated a post-code, SY11 4GA, which follows the pattern of other houses in the village. BT allocated me a telephone number with the code 01691, not 01939 as in Ruyton. When I got my first Council Tax Bill there was an amount payable to West Felton Parish and, when I registered to vote, I was told that my polling station was in West Felton.</p> <p>I live within walking distance of the West Felton Village Hall, Methodist Hall, Primary School and shop, and am a member of various village groups in West Felton. Having lived here for twenty months, I feel part of West Felton, and feel no connection at all to Ruyton.</p> <p>I found the map attached to your letter less than helpful. The areas of land under discussion are not clear. The Weirbrook section is just about falling off the map and I can see no markings to show which area you mean. As for Pradoc View, the coloured</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments regarding the Community Governance Review of Ruyton-XI-Towns parish.</p> <p>I am sorry that you found the map contained with the documents less than helpful. For the later consultation exercise, it may be appropriate for a larger scale map to be provided. The purpose of the map was to show the outline of the parish of Ruyton-XI-Towns and in particular the area around Pradoc View.</p> <p>Both Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council and West Felton Parish Council agree that Pradoc View should be within the West Felton Parish. Currently, it is located in Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish. In carrying out this review, it has become apparent that both for electoral purposes and Council Tax purposes, that the properties have been incorrectly listed as part of West Felton Parish instead of Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish. The review is looking at formally including Pradoc View in West Felton Parish.</p> <p>It is interesting when looking at parish boundaries that they often appear not to follow any particular feature such as a road, railway or hedgerow. Usually, a boundary would follow the centre line of such a feature. The boundary in the Tedsmore Road area appears to</p>

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		<p>lines, on such a small-scale map, merely confuse the issue. What is the status of the part of Tedsmore Road marked in red? Is it all within West Felton? Is only the northern half of it within West Felton? Is it all within Ruyton? Where do the houses on the south side of Tedsmore Road , and the Methodist Hall, belong? Where is the boundary line? The fact that the red line obliterates the whole width of the road makes it very difficult to see what is meant. It would also be helpful if the area under discussion was actually shown on the map as it is now, preferably in some detail and drawn to a much larger scale. Presumably there was once a valid reason for the boundary taking a couple of sharp turns to exclude the area of this development but, as things have now moved on, common sense, and the wishes of the residents, should now prevail.</p>	<p>follow the centre line of the road in the main but two properties near to Tedsmore Hall to the east of Tedsmore Road are included in West Felton Parish. Many of these boundaries will have been drawn well over 100 years ago and may have followed an ancient track or road the course of which has since been changed or followed a field or hedge boundary which has long since disappeared. This review is not intending to look at anything other than the issue around Pradoc View but if as part of the consultation, there are other issues raised, the scope of the review may be amended.</p> <p>Once again thanks for your comments. They will be considered by the Council's Community Governance Working Party which will consider all comments received.</p>
2.	Peter & Jennifer Edwards	<p>After purchasing a house in the village of West Felton we were amazed to find out from our local parish councillor that we are in fact regarded as being in the Parish of Ruyton-XI- Towns.</p> <p>The following points suggest that we should be classed as being accountable to the Parish Council of West Felton and not Ruyton-XI-Towns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we purchased the property in April 2010 we were informed that the property was in West Felton and the Land registry records record the property as West Felton. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our post code is SY11 4GA (West Felton) not SY4 as in Ruyton-XI-Towns. • Our telephone code is 01691 as West Felton - Oswestry not 01939 as Ruyton-XI-Towns • We paid our Council Tax (Parish Council) to West Felton for 2010/11 & 2011/2012 not Ruyton XI Towns. • Furthermore we feel part of the community of West Felton and have joined the village Gardening Club and intend joining some other groups, all on our doorstep, where as Ruyton-XI-Towns is 4 miles away and therefore we feel no allegiance to that particular village. <p>We therefore would support a movement of the Parish Council boundaries to incorporate Pradoc View in West Felton.</p>	

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1.	Aggie Caesar-Homden (Shropshire Councillor for the Ruyton and Baschurch Electoral Division)	More than happy to support this review. The residents of Pradoe View have always considered themselves as residents of West Felton.	
2.	Sue Hackett (Parish Clerk, Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council)	No further comments	