

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF
THE PARISHES OF BASCHURCH AND PIMHILL (KNOWN LOCALLY
AS BOMERE HEATH AND DISTRICT)**

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

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

FINAL PROPOSALS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Shropshire Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review of the Parishes of Baschurch and Pimhill. The area to be included in the review is the whole of the Parishes of Baschurch and Pimhill.
- 1.2 The Council gave public notice of a Community Governance Review and published the Terms of Reference for the review of the Parishes of Baschurch and Pimhill in December 2023. Copies of the Terms of Reference were sent by e-mail to the Parish Councils and to other stakeholders in the area. Information on the effect of the review was also available for inspection at the Council's offices at Shirehall, Shrewsbury and on the Council's website.
- 1.3 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 26 January 2024.
- 1.4 The Council published its Draft Proposals on 21 March 2024 and gave the same level of publicity as had been given when the Terms of Reference had been published.
- 1.5 Comments have been received from Baschurch Parish Council and its Clerk indicating that the level of representation for the existing wards works well and

requesting that this remain unchanged with the addition of a Parish Councillor for the new Walford ward.

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

2.1 It is proposed that the boundary between the Parishes of Baschurch and Pimhill be amended to move the Walford Heath ward (hatched on Plan A, attached) of Pimhill Parish into the Baschurch Parish.

2.2 It is proposed that the Parish of Baschurch have three wards – the existing Weston Lullingfields Ward (with 3 Councillors), coloured green on Plan A, attached; a reduced Baschurch ward (with 9 Councillors), coloured yellow on the Plan A, attached; and a new Walford and Walford Heath ward (with 1 Councillor), coloured red on Plan A attached.

2.3 It is proposed that the Parish of Pimhill have 4 wards – Bomere Heath (with 8 Councillors), coloured yellow on Plan B attached; Fitz (with 2 Councillors), coloured green on Plan B attached; Leaton (with 1 Councillor), coloured blue on Plan B attached; and Preston Gubbals (with 2 Councillors), coloured red on Plan B attached.

2.4 It is further proposed that the name of the Parish of Pimhill be amended to Bomere Heath and District.

3. **What Happens Next**

3.1 A revised timetable for this review was outlined in the draft proposals document published on 21 March 2024 as follows:-

<u>Stage</u>	<u>What Happens?</u>	<u>Timescales</u>
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	Final Recommendations are published – concluding review	10 July 2024
	Council resolves to make Reorganisation Order	18 July 2024

4.0 **Summary of Draft Recommendations**

4.1 In order to promote effective and convenient community governance for the area, avoid potential confusion and in order to accurately reflect the identities and interests of the local community, the Shropshire Council Community Governance Review Working Party considers that the Walford Heath ward, created by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as a consequence of its review of Shropshire Council division boundaries, should cease to be part of the Pimhill parish and should be included in the Baschurch 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 by e-mail at communitygovernance@shropshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can contact us at the following address:

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Should you require any further information or need clarification on the review process, please the above contact details.