

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING	Council
MEETING	22nd March 2018
TITLE:	Request by Cameley Parish Council to change its name to Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council
WARD:	Mendip Ward
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 - Email dated 2nd December 2017 from Cameley Parish Council Clerk to Head of Legal and Democratic Services.</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Minutes of the Cameley Parish Council dated 11th October 2017.</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Plan/Map showing the boundary of Cameley Parish Council.</p> <p>Appendix 4 - Draft Notice of change of name of Parish.</p>	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Cameley Parish Council, in the district of Bath and North East Somerset wishes to change its name to Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the receipt of the request from Cameley Parish Council to change its name and agrees to the making and publication of a Notice under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the name of Cameley Parish Council to Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Council is required to comply with certain statutory notification and publicity measures however the anticipated costs will be minimal and can be managed within the existing budget.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Local Government Act 1972 Section 75 (1) states that at the request of the parish council or, where there is no parish council, at the request of the parish meeting, the council of the district in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish.
- 4.2 Section 75 (2) states that notice of any change of name under section 75 (1) shall be sent by the district council concerned to the Secretary of State (in this case of the Department of Communities and Local Government), Director General of the Ordnance Survey and the Registrar General.
- 4.3 Under Section 75 (2) such notice shall also be published by the district council in the parish and elsewhere in such a manner as the district council considers appropriate.
- 4.4 Section 75 (3) states that a change of name made in pursuance of the section shall not affect any rights or obligations of any parish or of any council, authority or person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of name.
- 4.5 The Parish Council has raised the matter at public meetings on 13th September and 11th October 2017 and launched an informal public consultation to ask parishioners for their views about changing the name of the Parish Council to Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council at a Coffee Morning which took place on Saturday 30th September 2017. This also offered the opportunity for residents to put forward alternative names for consideration. At a Parish Council meeting, held on 11th October 2017, the Parish Council resolved to change the name of Cameley Parish Council to Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council. There has therefore been adequate information to the residents of both Temple Cloud and Cameley to ensure that all parishioners were aware that the name change was under consideration and were given the opportunity to consult over the name change. There was overall support for the name change to incorporate reference to Temple Cloud.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Cameley Parish Council resolved at a meeting on 11th October 2017 that the name of the Parish Council is changed from the former to "Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council" to reflect the fact that the two villages lie within in the Parish, Temple Cloud now being the larger, and up to now, not recognised within the Parish Council name. No other changes to the Parish Council arrangements are proposed.
- 5.2 The Clerk to the Cameley Parish Council wrote to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government whereupon the Clerk was directed to raise this matter with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Bath and North East Somerset Council requesting the name change. A copy of the minutes and a letter confirming this request is attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to this Report.
- 5.3 The plan/map attached at Appendix 3, to support this Report, shows that the village of Temple Cloud is contained within the boundary of Cameley Parish

Council and so it appears that there would be no risk to boundary issues and governance if the name of the Parish was changed.

5.4 A draft Notice is attached at Appendix 4 to this Report.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The Parish Council is not able to change its name other than by the statutory process outlined above.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Parish Council launched an informal consultation with residents at a Coffee Morning which took place on 30th September 2017 where views on the proposal to change the name of the Parish Council were sought. A flyer advertising this event was delivered to every home in the parish and responses collated support this Report. Formal consultation is not a requirement.

8.2 The Parish Council has considered this matter within this financial year on three separate occasions, as well as in previous years.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<i>The Local Government Act 1972</i>
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