

DUNKERTON PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving Dunkerton, Tunley and Withyditch)

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Dear Maria

In response to your letter of 15 October I would request that you submit a report to the Council on our behalf on 12 November 2015. Hopefully below I have outlined all the information you require. If there is anything else you need please let me know.

As already advised at the annual parish meeting on 16th April 2015 a proposal was put forward by a parishioner that, in the interests of inclusiveness, the name of the parish council be changed to reflect the fact that there are two villages in the parish. At present the parish council's name acknowledges the one village but not the other. The proposal was to name the parish after the names of the two villages as "Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council"; this proposal was widely approved by all of the local parishioners present at the meeting.

The parish council in an effort to ensure that other alternative names were considered discussed the matter with parishioners at the meetings on the 14th May and again on the 18th June when a number of other alternatives were put forward by local residents and councillors. For your information below please find the relevant items from the agendas of these meetings.

Extract from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 14 May 2015

23 Annual Parish Meeting Parishioners' Requests

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23.3 Parish Council Name In order to promote inclusiveness it was requested that the parish consider renaming the council as Dunkerton, Tunley and Withyditch. All parishioners and councillors thought this was a good idea so clerk to investigate the process.

Extract from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18 June 2015

13 Process for Changing the Parish Council Name

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A resident at the meeting proposed that the name change suggested and agreed by all present at the APM and the APCM be amended to Dunkerton with Tunley and Withyditch Parish Council. It was proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Prescott that the parish council name be changed from Dunkerton Parish Council to the amended title.

At its meeting on 23rd July 2015 the parish council then agreed that it would like to change the name of Dunkerton Parish Council to Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council on the grounds that the previously agreed proposed name change would be too lengthy. A copy of the relevant minute is outlined below.

Extract from the minutes of the 23 July 2015 minutes

10 Changing the Parish Council Name

While the suggestion to call the parish council Dunkerton with Tunley and Withyditch was welcomed and agreed in practice this name from an administrative aspect is too long. Therefore it was agreed that the new name would be Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council; the clerk to contact B&NES to progress this decision.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Manchee
Clerk to the Council