

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Maria

## **Change of name for Whitchurch Parish Council**

I am contacting you to inform you that the members of Whitchurch Parish Council would like to change the name of the Parish Council to Whitchurch Village Council with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. This is in accordance with the procedure set out in The Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act") Section 75.

This was agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a copy of which is enclosed for your records.

The reasoning behind this change stems back to the Neighbourhood Plan survey completed during 2015 with a 50% response, when it was obvious that one of the main concerns for residents, 98%, was keeping the Green belt surrounding Whitchurch Village, therefore keeping the identity of the village. It was felt by the Councillors that this was not reflected in the name of the Council.

Also over the last few years there have also been several instances of Whitchurch Village being identified as being in Whitchurch, Bristol by the planning departments, which it of course is not. It was therefore felt by changing the name of the Parish Council to Whitchurch Village Council this will help in identifying the village as such.

I understand that this request will need to be considered at a Full Council Meeting to resolve that the name can be changed and I look forward to receiving your written confirmation as soon as possible after the next Council Meeting.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Dyer  
Parish Clerk