

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND
REPRESENTATIONS SENT TO THE ACTING
RETURNING OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH
THE REVIEW**

Tina Harwood

From: Joan Cundill
Sent: 22 October 2013 10:39
To: Tina Harwood
Cc: NFAFA Treasurer
Subject: Re: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places

New Forest Access For All

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Hi Tina,

It was good to hear from you. I have had a look at the documents on-line. Some of us use postal votes for convenience, although I do feel it is important for as many as possible of the stations to be accessible so that we can vote in person if we wish.

I don't know if a particular station is inaccessible whether it is possible to arrange for a voter to use the nearest polling station in the same district that is?

I don't think I have anything useful to add that we did not discuss at our meeting with you last year.

Best wishes

Joan

Joan Cundill

Chairman NFAFA

Tel: 01425 476938

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Derek Tipp
Sent: 17 October 2013 11:51
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Dear Tina,

I have seen the statistics for Calmore Village Hall polling station and can only conclude that it is very poorly used. In that area the properties are very widely spread out and so most voters would be likely to come by car. Parking is not good, though with such low usage I cannot see that being a big factor. Looking at the alternatives, the next nearest polling station in the ward would be Copythorne Parish Hall which is quite a bit further away. If we are concerned at turnout (which we certainly should be, at 15%) then making voters go further to vote is likely to make matters worse. Is it possible to use Calmore Community Hall, even though it is not in the same ward? If not then what else can we do? I suspect that there is a higher proportion of elderly voters, so a postal vote might be a better option. Could we invite them to apply for a postal vote and tell them that their polling station is to be closed due to lack of use?

I am happy, as always, to discuss this further if it will help.

Kind regards,

Derek

Tina Harwood

From: Ros Cooper
Sent: 03 December 2013 12:01
To: ElectoralServices
Subject: Review of Polling stations

Dear Mr Yates

Netley Marsh Parish Council appreciates being included in the consultation on polling station. The Parish Council has considered the situation of the Calmore Village Hall polling station, situated in the northern part of the Parish. Council believe there is a strong case for keep Calmore polling station open.

Looking at the full statistics for the four stations identified as being under consultation, Calmore:

- serves the highest number of electors - 331, as opposed to 146, 152 and 175 respectively.
- had the highest number of voters voting at the last election - 44, compared with 41, 34 and 34 respectively, and
- although the *percentage* turnout is actually the lowest,
- at £11.26 per voter, it is not the most expensive, coming third in the group of four after Bransgore & Burley (£13.95), and Ringwood South (£13.75).

Netley Marsh Parish Council feels that this is a significant number of voters who have a democratic right to expect a polling station to be made available to them in their area. Council would also point out that the turnout in a national government election is likely to be higher than that for a local election.

Based on this the Parish Council recommend that the Calmore polling station remain in use until after the the next general elections. Naturally if figures are produced post the next general election the Council would reconsider the situation at that time.

Regards

Ros Cooper
Clerk to Netley Marsh Parish Council
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website: <http://www.netleymarsh-pc.gov.uk>

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Tina Harwood

From: Graham Flexman <Clerk@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 December 2013 09:57
To: Tina Harwood
Cc: Rosemary Rutins
Subject: FW: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places

Tina

This matter was discussed at our Town Council meeting on 28 October 2013, and referred to our F&GP Committee where it was considered further on 2 December 2013.

Our only comment relates to the polling station at Long Meadow in Barton-on-Sea with a request that the pathway to the Scout Hut be tarmacked to assist with access to that voting station.

This is something I previously discussed with Rosemary Rutins who I have copied in, as the indication was that some funds may be available for the updating of election venues.

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Kind regards

Graham Flexman
Town Clerk
New Milton Town Council

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Colin Wise
Sent: 03 October 2013 14:31
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places

Dear Tina,

For the record, the arrangements in Boldre with one polling station at the Boldre War Memorial Hall in Pilley works very well and should be continued.

Kindest regards,

Colin

*Cllr Colin Wise
01590 670676*

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Diane Andrews
Sent: 21 October 2013 11:59
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Dear Tina,

Valetta Barn is a good venue. I imagine it would be primarily used by those living in Fritham only. However Bramshaw village Hall is not all that far away from Fritham and could be used instead if cost was an issue.

As next election will be an important one, and possibly interest more voters, perhaps the venue could be retained for 2015 and the numbers using it be re assessed afterwards?

Best wishes,
Diane Andrews

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Paul Vickers
Sent: 17 October 2013 11:46
To: Tina Harwood; Cllr Maureen Holding
Cc: Rosemary Rutins
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Hello Tina

In my time on the Council we have closed the Polling Station at the Bold Forester (used by Denny Lodge) and Exbury). They have all been redirected to Beaulieu, which now serves 3 Parishes.

I therefore believe it would be unreasonable, given the distances in these parishes, to close the Beaulieu Polling station.

Regards

Paul Vickers

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Representation

Reference MEM10979

Your Details

Full name:* Jeremy David Heron

Organisation you are representing (if applicable): NFDC - Ward Member - Ringwood South

Residential address:*
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Ringwood
BH24 1TB

Postal address (if different):

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Your Representation

Which ward(s) does your representation relate to?: Ringwood South

Which polling station(s) does your representation relate to?: Bisterne Village Hall

What is your representation?:
Falling numbers using Bisterne & the resultant increase in cost makes it difficult to support the provision at this location. Greater accessibility through the provision of postal voting offers a viable alternative to those in more remote locations.

What is your alternative option to the above polling station(s)?:
I would propose that those registered to vote at Bisterne Village Hall be transfered to Trinity Centre, Ringwood

* denotes mandatory field

Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
Sent: 22 October 2013 12:32
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

BISTERNE VILLAGE HALL

Noted, Tina.
Thanks.
Steve

Cllr. W Steve Rippon-Swaine
Town Mayor of Ringwood
Hampshire County, New Forest District & Ringwood Town Councillor Laurel House,
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Ringwood,
Hampshire
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Harwood
Sent: Mon 21/10/2013 11:06
To: Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine; Cllr Jeremy Heron
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Dear Cllr Rippon-Swaine

I need to take all representations back to the Working Party before I can say for sure that Bisterne Hall will no longer be used. However, Cllr Heron has suggested those registered to vote at Bisterne could be transferred to the Trinity Centre, Ringwood. If we do go down this route we will of course write to all voters concerned advising them of the change of polling station and offering them the opportunity to vote by post in future.

Kind regards

Tina

Tina Harwood
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-----Original Message-----

From: Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
Sent: 18 October 2013 19:12
To: Tina Harwood; Cllr Jeremy Heron
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Tina,

It seems that Bisterne Village Hall is no longer to be used?
Where will the residents go if that is the case?
Regards,
Steve

Cllr. W Steve Rippon-Swaine
Town Mayor of Ringwood
Hampshire County, New Forest District & Ringwood Town Councillor Laurel House,
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Hampshire
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Harwood
Sent: Thu 17/10/2013 10:02
To: Cllr Jeremy Heron; Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
Subject: Review of Polling Districts & Places

Dear Cllrs

As per my e-mail of 3 October 2013, advising that we are currently conducting a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. I would appreciate your particular views on a polling station within your polling district which the Returning Officer feels should be reviewed. The following link will take you to the related documents of our website. You will see Bisterne Village Hall has been highlighted for review and is mentioned in the Schedule of Polling Stations and in the Additional Comments.

<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=14706&articlesection=reldocs>

Please note comments are requested by Monday 9 December 2013.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Kind regards

Tina

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Representation

Reference MEM11162

Your Details

Full name:* Terry Simpson
 Organisation you are representing (if applicable): Ringwood Town Council
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 The Furlong
 Ringwood
 BH24 1AT
 Postal address (if different): Ringwood Gateway,
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 Ringwood
 Hants
 BH24 1 AT
 Email address: terry.simpson@ringwood.gov.uk

Your Representation

Which ward(s) does your representation relate to?: All wards in Ringwood
 Which polling station(s) does your representation relate to?: All within Ringwood
 What is your representation?: Bisterne Village Hall Polling Station should be retained. Other proposals supported. Closure of Bisterne will require electors to travel too far to cast their votes and this will have a detrimental effect on the democratic process.
 What is your alternative option to the above polling station(s)?: The response is the retention of the Bisterne Polling Station.

* denotes mandatory field

Rosemary Rutins

From: Mandy Oldfield <Mandy.Oldfield@ringwood.gov.uk> on behalf of Terry Simpson <Terry.Simpson@ringwood.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 February 2014 14:14
To: Rosemary Rutins
Cc: Terry Simpson
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places

Dear Rosemary,

Many thanks for your email of the 13th February.

Having reconsidered the question of retention of the polling station at Bisterne Village Hall the Council has decided to accept the Working Party's conclusions which will provide for the closure of the polling station at Bisterne Village Hall.

Kind Regards,

Terry

Terry

Terry Simpson
Town Clerk
Ringwood Town Council

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Penny Jackman
Sent: 18 October 2013 11:41
To: Tina Harwood; Cllr Alexander Kilgour
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

LYMINGTON HEALTH + LEISURE

Elections are less than once a year, I suggest we hold out for Studio One if Studio Two caused such trouble in the past. I think we should stick with the current arrangements, the disruption is in my opinion, minimal, as it is on such an infrequent basis.

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LYMINGTON HEALTH + LEISURE

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Alexander Kilgour
Sent: 21 October 2013 07:07
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places

I agree with Penny

Councillor Alexander Kilgour
Pennington Ward

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**2013/14 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES
REPRESENTATION**

Your Details (Please use block capitals)	
Full Name*:	KEITH METCALF
Organisation you are representing (if applicable):	MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Residential Address*:	
Postal Address (if different from residential address):	22 HIGH STREET MILFORD-ON-SEA HAMPSHIRE SO41 0PD
E-mail address:	milfordpc@btconnect.com
Your representation (Please use block capitals)	
Which ward(s) does your representation relate to?	MILFORD-ON-SEA
Which polling station(s) does your representation relate to?	BOTH
What is your representation? (Use an additional page if necessary)	
WE ARE CONTENT WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS	
What is your alternative option to the above polling station?	N/A
Signature:	Date: 18-10-13

*Denotes mandatory

Please be aware that pursuant to The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, this representation and any other correspondence will be published as part of the review. Receipt of your representation will be acknowledged in writing.

Please respond by Monday, 9 December 2013.

To: **Returning Officer, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst S043 7PA**

Telephone: **(023) 8028 5445**

e-mail: **electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk**



New Forest DISTRICT COUNCIL

2013/14 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REPRESENTATION

Your Details (Please use block capitals)	
Full Name*:	CLLR EDWARD HERON
Organisation you are representing (if applicable):	NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL DOWNLANDS & FOREST WARD
Residential Address*:	OHIO, NORTH END, DAMERHAM, FORDING BRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE. SP6 3HA
Postal Address (if different from residential address):	
E-mail address:	CLLR. EDWARD. HERON @ GMAIL.COM
Your representation (Please use block capitals)	
Which ward(s) does your representation relate to?	DOWNLANDS & FOREST
Which polling station(s) does your representation relate to?	BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN
What is your representation? (Use an additional page if necessary)	
<p>Whilst the accessibility issues of the polling station are acknowledged, this has not proven to be a problem in the past due to the excellent assistance provided by polling station staff. No suitable alternative venue is available within the Ward. A number of less mobile electors have opted to use postal votes.</p>	
What is your alternative option to the above polling station?	N/A.
Signature*	Date: 28 th October 2013

*Denotes mandatory

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Tina Harwood

From: David Shimpe <david.shimpe@btconnect.com>
Sent: 05 December 2013 09:33
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places
WATERSIDE PRIMARY

Hi Tina

Thank you for the email.

The Council has had an opportunity to consider your email and have the following comments.

1. HK1 - The Children's Centre should be explored as an alternative site if the Waterside Primary school is unwilling to continue providing the facility
2. HJ – It was suggested that as there is no real alternative location consideration could be given to the use of a marquee or caravan/trailer in the car park.

Hope this helps

Kind regards

David Shimpe

Clerk to the Council
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Tel 023 8084 1411

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Maureen Robinson
Sent: 17 October 2013 13:22
To: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Places
WATERSIDE PRIMARY

Hi Tina

I can appreciate why the school would want the polling station to be moved, but unless it could be accommodated in the Children's centre next door, there really is no alternative venue in my opinion.

Regards

Maureen

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Connecting Communities



Tina Harwood
Electoral Services
NFDC
Appletree Court
Lyndhurst

17th October 2013

Dear Tina

Reference: Polling Station Selection

At last night's Full Council meeting the Parish Council did not feel that St Georges Hall offers value for money or an environment conducive to electioneering.

The council felt that residents in this ward would be better encouraged to use the postal voting system instead.

Additionally the parish council is waiting on delivery of a new 'Community Bus' which will operate from Calshot into Blackfield and will be available during this time. The council would support its use in taking residents to other polling stations in Fawley or Blackfield.

The council is therefore happy for NFDC to make the final decision on what polling opportunities area made available to residents in the Calshot area.

Regards

S. Nash
CEO

Blackfield • Calshot • Fawley • Hardley • Holbury • Langley

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Tina Harwood

From: Cllr Alexis McEvoy
Sent: 23 December 2013 20:08
To: Rosemary Rutins; Cllr Bob Wappet
Cc: Tina Harwood
Subject: RE: Polling Station, St George's Centre, Calshot

Dear Rosemary,

My apologies for not responding to earlier e-mails but I was content to leave the Polling Stations as they were. However, if it is acceptable to close the Polling Station at Calshot, I consider that the best option. Any Calshot residents voting in person could do so at Jubilee Hall in Fawley and thus be included in the FB register.

My apologies once again.

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you.

Kind regards
Alexis

Councillor Alexis McEvoy BSc (Hons)
New Forest District Councillor for Fawley, Blackfield & Langley

Rosemary Rutins

From: Cllr Bob Wappet
Sent: 26 December 2013 09:41
To: Rosemary Rutins
Subject: RE: Polling Station, St George's Centre, Calshot

Rosemary,

Sorry for the delay-computer problems- still not fully resolved

As to the Polling Station at St. Georges Hall Calshot I agree that it should be closed and that that the voters should be transferred to FB Gang Warily.

Regards.

Bob W

The Future of St. George's Hall, Calshot

Petition

"We the undersigned residents of Calshot do not support the current plans by New Forest District Council to close St. George's Hall as a polling station, and for all Calshot residents to have to vote at Fawley Jubilee Hall. It must remain open as a polling station within reasonable walking distance. In addition, we call on New Forest District Council to invest time, money and energy in ensuring facilities for our community."

Signed:

Print Name	Address	Signature
JAMES BRYANT	{ HILLHEAD COTTAGE }	
CAROL BRYANT	{ CALSHOT SO45 1BR }	
Shirley Nicholson	18 Tristram Close	
Eileen James	Close	
MRS SUS ELL	54 Tristram Close	
Caroline James	57 Tristram Close	
Louisa Aeliam	57 Tristram Close	
Megan English	44 Tristram Close	
* LAVINIA DOWLING	WINDWARDS, CALSHOT LANE	
EILEEN RIAN	44 CALSHOT CLOSE	
BARBARA	STREET	
Don	STREET, BUS DROPS	
Yasmin Dowling	windwards *	
ROBIN BAKER	43 CALSHOT CLOSE	
AMY SMITH	1 CALSHOT COURT	
MERUYN James		
RETA WHEELER	5 TRISTAN CL	
CHRIS YEATES	8 TRISTAN CL	
PAUL DARBY	5 11	
JOHN DARBY	(10 TRISTAN CL)	
JEAN CURD	13 TRISTAN CLOSE	
MARK TAYLOR	17 TRISTAN CLOSE	
Martina Krause	20 Tristram Close	
SANDE HARRIS	21 TRISTAN CLOSE	
JOHN BROWN	35 TRISTAN CLOSE	
Jaki Brown	35 Tristram Close	
K TURNER	41 TRISTAN CLOSE	

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Print Name	Address	E-mail & Phone	Signature
RYAN REEVES	71 CALSHOT CLOSE CALSHOT SO45 1BP		
SHARON STUBBS	40 CALSHOT CLOSE CALSHOT, SO45 1BP		
SHANE COOPER	46 CALSHOT CLOSE		
HAYLEY WILLIAMS	46 CALSHOT CLOSE		
H. FREEGARD.	67 CALSHOT CLOSE		
T. LOKI	69 CALSHOT CLOSE		
B ALEXANDER	SHOSHOW BUCKLETON 6ML FIDAM LANE CALSHOT SO45 1BS		
R. MATOU.	BEECHWOOD, EUNFORD LANE CALSHOT		
	38 Solent View Calshot.		J TAYLOR
KEVIN WICKS	7 Solent View CALSHOT		
P. KUNES	11 SOLENT VIEW		

Print Name	Address	E-mail & Phone	Signature
D LENNOX	81 CALSHOT CLOSE		
K ATKINSON	80 CALSHOT CLOSE		
G ANDERSON	56 CALSHOT CLOSE		
SIMON REID	62 CALSHOT CLOSE		
BEK ADAMS	4 CALSHOT COURT		
M WRIGHT	5 YMMARI ELMFIELD LANE		
M. HEMMATPOUR	2 SOLENT VIEW CALSHOT SOUTHAMPTON		

Rosemary Rutins

From: Andrew Pope <pope.andrew8@gmail.com>
Sent: 29 March 2014 16:14
To: Rosemary Rutins
Subject: Re: Polling Station - St George's Hall, Calshot

Dear Rosemary,

Thanks very much for notifying me of this change, and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,
Andrew Pope

On 21 Mar 2014, at 15:40, "Rosemary Rutins" <Rosemary.Rutins@NFDC.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Pope

I am writing to let you know that, because of changed circumstances at St George's Hall in Calshot, members have reviewed the position and will no longer be proposing the closure of the polling station. You will know that the closure was proposed because of significant administrative difficulties in making bookings, gaining access to the polling station, and the condition of the building, as well as incidents of anti-social behaviour. The hall, although owned by the District Council, was leased to a Community Association/Charitable Trust. However, day-to-day control of the premises very recently reverted to the Council - the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and local members were not aware of this when they made the recommendation to close the polling station.

Cllr Beck, the Chairman of the Committee, will therefore be proposing an amendment to the Committee's recommendation to the Council on 14 April to the effect that the St George's polling station remains open.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Rutins
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ELECTRONIC PETITION

[Petitioning Rosemary Rutins](#)

We the undersigned residents of the New Forest do not support plans by New Forest District Council to close polling stations and call on the Council to safeguard facilities for New Forest communities.

1. Petition by

[New Forest East Labour Party](#)

New Forest District Council is effectively removing New Forest residents' democratic right to vote! People like the Suffragettes and Chartists fought and even died over centuries to win this right. New Forest District Council needs to listen to residents, instead of having changes imposed on residents that do not want them to be changed. Residents should not be ignored, and councillors must listen instead of thinking that they know better!

We the undersigned residents of the New Forest do not support the current plans by New Forest District Council to close polling stations, and for residents to have to vote further away from their homes. Polling stations must remain open within reasonable walking distance. In addition, we call on New Forest District Council to invest time, money and energy in ensuring facilities for the New Forest communities, including at polling stations.

Sincerely,

Signed by 37 Supporters