

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – GODSHILL'S BOUNDARIES WITH FORDINGBRIDGE AND BREAMORE

New Forest District Council has decided to undertake a Community Governance Review, to review Godshill Parish's boundaries with Fordingbridge and Breamore at two places.

The **terms of reference** for the review are:

1. To review the boundary of the Parish with Fordingbridge, with a view to establishing whether the development known as Crystal Hollow should more appropriately be located in Godshill than Fordingbridge;
2. To review of the Boundary of the parish with Breamore, with a view to establishing whether the triangular piece of land to the west of the River Avon at the property known as "Armsley" should transfer to Breamore Parish;
3. That the review be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and any statutory guidance.

Background:

The District Council has power to amend the boundaries between parishes but only after undertaking what is termed a "Community Governance Review" (CGR). At the request of Godshill Parish Council, the District Council has decided to undertake a CGR to deal with Godshill Parish Council's request.

The District Council is required to consult with local government electors for the area affected by a CGR.

The boundaries:

(1) The boundary with Fordingbridge, to the north of the B3078 Southampton Road at Crystal Hollow

At present all but a very small part of Crystal Hollow falls within Fordingbridge Town Council's area. Godshill Parish Council wishes the boundary redrawn, so that Crystal Hollow falls within Godshill. Consultations are taking place with the National Park Authority as to what might be considered an appropriate boundary at this point. Crystal Hollow is a development of 10 static mobile homes.

Any area that is currently within Fordingbridge that might transfer to Godshill would then lie within the District Council's Forest North West Ward, rather than the Fordingbridge District Ward.

(2) The boundary between Godshill and Breamore, west of the River Avon, at "Armsley"

The boundaries of the property known as "Armsley" extend across the River Avon into Breamore Parish. Godshill Parish Council considers that the boundary between the parishes should follow the River Avon at this point. The current boundary appears to be a historic anomaly. The land is a small area of low-lying pasture. There are no dwellings or other buildings on the land. There is no metalled access to the land and it lies outside the settlement boundaries of both parishes.

If the area is transferred to Breamore, it would lie within the Downlands and Forest District Ward rather than the Forest North West District Ward.

Your views:

If you have any views on the proposal that you wish to make known to the District Council, please write to:

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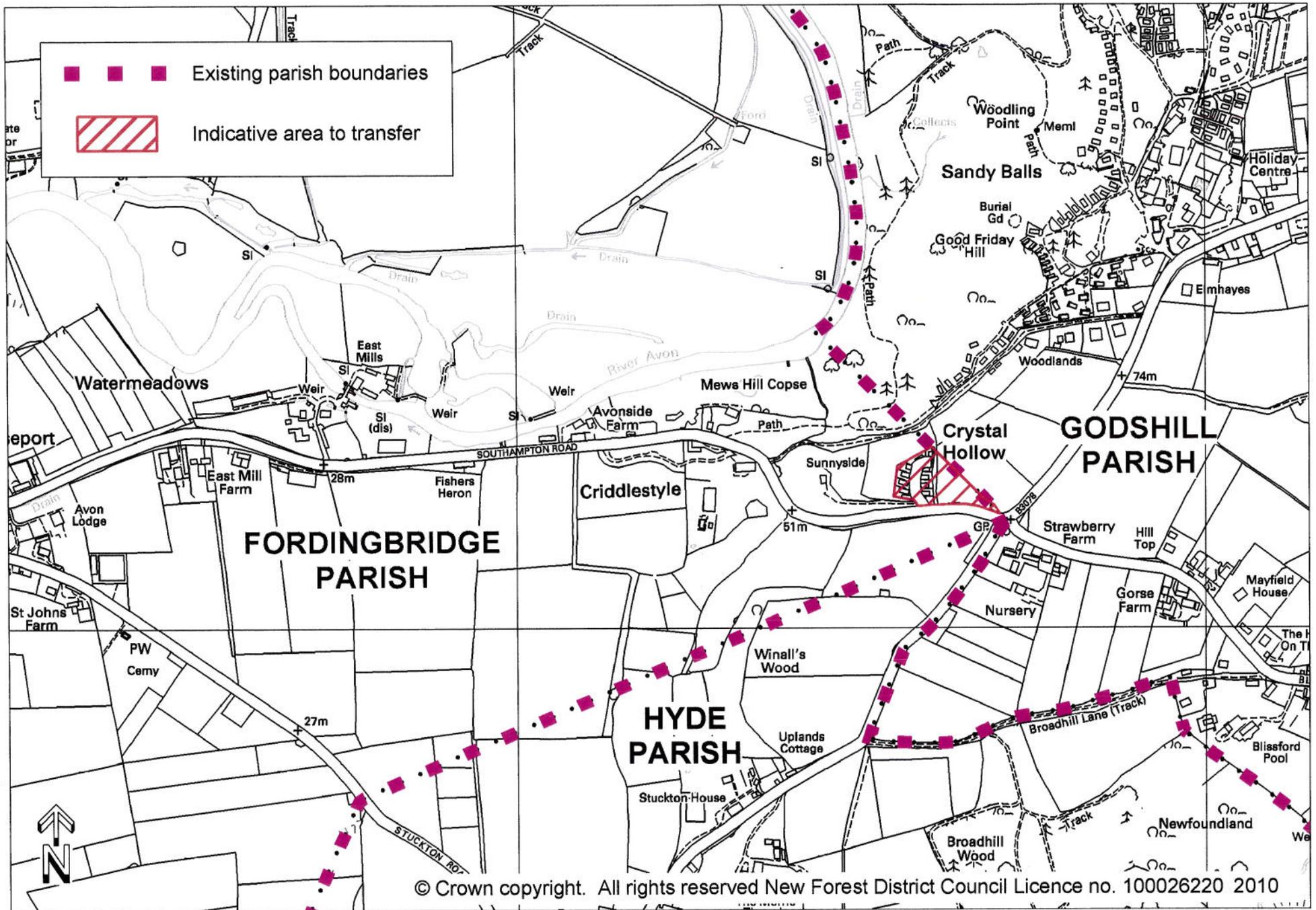
Your responses should be received by Friday, 4 June 2010

What will happen next:

The District Council will consider the responses and will publish draft recommendations. These will appear on the District Council's website. The District Council then has to consult on the draft recommendations, consider any representations that might be received, publish its final recommendations and then make an order to change the boundaries.

Further information:

If you would like any further information about the process for the review, please contact Melanie Stephens at the addresses above, or telephone her on (023) 8028 5379.



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