

Submission on the Community Governance Review for Cornwall 2019

Please complete and return this form with any accompanying papers to Cornwall Council, by email or post, no later than noon 17 July 2019.

Email: CGRs@Cornwall.gov.uk

Postal address: Community Governance Review, Cornwall Council, Room 3E.01, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

1. Please state the area or Parish to which this submission relates:

St Minver Highlands and Lowlands PC areas

2. Is this submission from:

- A Parish Council (City, Town, Parish or Community Council, or Parish meeting)
- A community organisation
- Any other body or organisation
- One or more individual resident(s)

3. Please indicate whether this submission relates to a change or no change:

- No Change – *please continue to section 5*
- Change – *please continue to section 4*

4. Submission proposal:

Please tick any that apply

- Change to Parish boundary
- Create a grouped Parish with at least one other Parish
- Creation of a new Parish
 - By separating part of a Parish
 - By aggregating parts of a Parish
 - By amalgamating Parishes
- Change to Parish name
- Create Parish wards Change the boundaries of existing Parish wards
- Abolish Parish wards
- Change the total number of Councillors 12
- Change the number of Councillors in each ward (say how many you want in the future)
- Other (please provide details below)

5. Details of proposal(s):

Please give details of any submissions that you are proposing or, if appropriate, reasons why you do not want change.

The Two Parish Councils already have many function/interests in common:

1. Joint Cemetery Committee – each PC appoints three representatives and contributors to the upkeep of the closed churchyards and the public cemetery across the Lowlands / Highlands area as a whole.
2. St Minver School – children from both areas attend the School in Lowlands area.
3. Trewint Playing Field – the only children’s play facility, serving both parishes.
4. St Minver Neighbourhood Plan – the two parishes combined to produce a joint NDP.
5. Polzeath Futures’ Summit – currently part of Polzeath lies within each parish area. A merger would mean a more coherent approach, including:
 - a. Beach Management – costs are currently shared between the two parishes.
 - b. Public WCs – Coronation Garden toilets are within Lowlands and New Polzeath toilets within Highlands.

Members believe the merger would:

- Improve communication across the Community and provide a central point of contact and they would know who to go to with issues.
- Provide joined up decision making and implementation of any changes.
- Deliver a financial benefit to the community, e.g. only one Parish Clerk would be needed; maintenance costs could be shared.

Please give sufficient evidence to support your submission, including any information that you may have already provided to Cornwall Council.

Previous submission attached.

Please explain why you consider that the submission you are making will ensure that community governance within the area will reflect the identities and interests of the community and will be effective and convenient.

(please attach additional pages as required)

6. Evidence in support of submission:

If your proposals involve any changes to existing boundaries, please submit ordnance survey base maps showing clearly proposed new boundaries.

The St Minver Parishes NDP page 7 shows clearly shows the boundaries for both Parishes and the many "Infrastructure Priorities" page 44 Lowlands and Highlands have in common.

NOTE – approximately 1,170 properties in St Minver Lowlands subject to Council Tax, and 362 subject to Business Rates. The figures for St Minver Highlands are not known.

Please give detailed information on the number of dwellings and other significant buildings (shops, industrial premises etc.) affected by your proposed changes.

Those currently in St Minver Highlands

- All the shops in Polzeath
- Public toilets New Polzeath
- All restaurants, public houses and hotels, bed & breakfast
- Forge Garage
- Percival Institute
- Four ways Pub
- Post Office
- Point Golf Club

Please give details of any consultation that you may have carried out with affected residents, and the outcome.

St Minver Lowlands Parish Council plan to hold a public meeting on Saturday, 27th July, 10-12 noon, in the Scout Hut, Trewint Playing Field, Rock to gauge the views of the residents.

If your proposals affect other parishes, please state what discussions you have had with other parish councils and the outcome.

Initial Discussions have taken place with representatives from St Minver Highlands indicate that may have a different view. However, we understand that the St Minver Highlands are still discussing the matter so there is no clear direction on their view at this stage.

(please attach additional pages as required)

7. List of attachments:

Appendix 1 – copy of original submission from Lowlands PC.

Appendix 2 – map showing existing boundaries and proposed extent of a combined St Minver PC.

8. Submitted by: St Minver Lowlands Parish Council Parish Clerk

Signed: *G Thompson* Date: 16nd July 2019

Organisation and position (if submitting on behalf of an organisation):

St Minver Lowlands Parish Council

Contact details: clerk@stminverlowlands-pc.org.uk

APPENDIX 1

Name of parish	St Minver Lowlands Parish Council
Do you believe your parish needs a community governance review?	YES ✓ NO (please tick ✓ which applies)
If yes, which issues at this stage may you want to be reviewed?	Boundary of your parish ✓ See below Number of councillors Parish warding arrangements Parish name ✓ See below (please tick ✓ all that apply)
Any there other issues that you may want to be reviewed?	Please give brief details Members request that St Minver Highlands and St Minver Lowlands are merged into one Parish Council.

St. Minver Parishes

