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Name and date of Committee	COUNCIL – 23 FEBRUARY 2022
Report Number	Agenda Item 13
Subject	CHANGE OF NAME – SOUTH LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Wards affected	STANDLAKE ASTON & STANTON HARCOURT
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Summary/Purpose	To consider a request from South Leigh Parish Council to South Leigh & High Cogges Parish Council
Annexes	None
Recommendation/s	The Council agree to change the name of South Leigh Parish Council to South Leigh & High Cogges Parish Council.
Corporate priorities	Stronger local communities
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	Residents of South Leigh & High Cogges Cllr Lysette Nicholls (Vice Chair of Parish Council)

1. BACKGROUND

Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows principle councils, at the request of a parish within the area, to change the name of the parish council.

South Leigh Parish Council has asked the Council to consider its request to change its name to South Leigh & High Cogges Parish Council.

2. MAIN POINTS

The Parish Council of South Leigh at their meeting on 15th November 2021 resolved to make an application pursuant to section 75 of the local Government Act 1972 to change of name of South Leigh Council to “the Parish Council of South Leigh and High Cogges”.

The reasoning behind the change of name was that it would mean greater inclusivity and ensure that organisations recognise that the Parish Council represents High Cogges as well as South Leigh.

The pending intention was communicated to the MP, the relevant District and County Councillors and to the community of South Leigh and High Cogges by a number of different methods including posting on the village noticeboard, through emails and on the village website giving until 31st December 2021 for objections to be lodged.

None were lodged.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A change in Parish name must be communicated to the Secretary of State, Director General of Ordnance Survey and the Registrar General.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

None.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Retain the existing parish council name.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None