



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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| Name and Date of Committee | <b>COUNCIL – 29 NOVEMBER 2023</b>   |
| Subject                    | <b>CHANGE OF NAME – SOUTH LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL</b>  |
| Wards affected             | <b>EYNHAM AND CASSINGTON</b>  |
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| Purpose                    | To note, make a correction to, and amend the prior agreed name change from ‘South Leigh and High Cogges Parish Council’, to the Parish of ‘South Leigh & High Cogges’.                  |
| Annexes                    | Nil.  |
| Recommendations            | That Council Resolves to:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Approve the agreed name of the Parish of South Leigh, to the Parish of ‘South Leigh &amp; High Cogges’.</li></ol> |
| Corporate Priorities       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Putting Residents First</li><li>• Working Together for West Oxfordshire</li></ul>   |
| Key Decision               | NO  |
| Exempt                     | NO  |
| Consultees / Consultation  | Residents of South Leigh & High Cogges;<br>Parish Councillor Nicky Brooks (Chair of Parish Council).  |

## **1. BACKGROUND**

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

South Leigh Parish Council has asked the Council to consider its request to change its name to the Parish of 'South Leigh & High Cogges', this initial request was put before the Council in its meeting of 15 February 2022 where the name change was subsequently agreed.

Further to this agreement on 15 February 2022, the Legal team in preparing the 'official order' for this name change have found that the initial recommendation was to change the name of the parish to 'South Leigh and High Cogges Parish Council' and not the Parish of South Leigh and High Cogges.

This matter is therefore put before the Council again, to approve the recommended change.

## **2. MAIN POINTS**

At a meeting of the South Leigh Parish Council held on 15 November 2021, it resolved to delegate authority to the Chair of the Parish Council to make an application pursuant to section 75 of the local Government Act 1972 to change the name of the parish from South Leigh to be known as the Parish of South Leigh and High Cogges.

The former South Leigh Parish will be known as the Parish of '**South Leigh and High Cogges**' and consequent to this Parish name change, the administrating Parish Council will be known as the South Leigh and High Cogges Parish Council.

The Parish has two settlements namely the principal village of South Leigh itself and the much smaller hamlet of High Cogges which has at times felt overlooked. The name change of the Parish is intended to address this issue and make every parishioner feel included whilst retaining the two separate village/hamlet names.

## **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**

None.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.