

## **Good evening and welcome to this Parish Council Drop in Session**

Some of you, residents within the current Parish, will have received our recent Newsletter through your door, advising you of our proposal to petition Sefton MBC, to complete a Community Governance Review, to re-draw and expand the current PC boundary to truly wrap itself around our recognised and growing community.

Others this evening may not live within the parish at the moment but are interested to find out more about the potential expansion of the parish and, if successful, its impact on newly included residents.

Tonight our display will show you

- 1. The law behind what we're proposing**
- 2. The background to what we are proposing**
- 3. Information about the proposed Petition**
- 4. A road by road description of the current Parish Boundary**
- 5. A road by road description of where we would like to extend the Parish**
- 6. Maps of the current parish boundary and our proposed extension to it**
- 7. Current levels of precepts – the annual contribution made by households in respect of the Parish Council, included as part of your Council Tax bill**
- 8. What the Parish Council does and is involved in, for the benefit of its residents**

## **1. The law behind what we're proposing**

We looked at the following law and guidance about Parish boundaries and how they can be changed

**Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)**

**Local Government & Public Health Act 2007 (LG&PHA 2007)**

**Guidance for Community Governance Reviews (CGRs)**

## **2. The background rules to what we are proposing are at LG&PHA2007: the Guidance for CGRs says at ...**

Section 1.3 Since February 2008 councils, including Sefton Council, have responsibility to undertake Community Governance Reviews and to give effect to their recommendations.

Section 2.12 Reviews may become due for reasons of population changes and / or local new issues

Section 2.15 Boundary changes can be implemented to reflect local identities

Section 2.16 Strong clearly defined boundaries should be identified i.e. firm ground features (e.g. roads, railways, watercourses etc.)

Section 2.18 Local people can present a public petition to the principal council

Section 2.40 Such a petition must set out at least one recommendation that the petitioners want the Review to consider making ... please see next sheet

Section 2.41 Based on the latest list of registered voters, 1822, the petition must be signed by a minimum of 250 local electors.

Section 3.83 Gives examples of boundaries which may follow / reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities... low or non-populated areas, rivers, roads, railways, parks and recreation grounds.

### **3. Information about the proposed Petition**

As mentioned in Sheet 2, our petition must be signed by a minimum of 250 electors, living within the current boundary and include at least one recommendation that the petitioners want the Review to consider making... something such as...

**We ask Sefton MB Council to consider the alteration, by extension, of the existing Thornton Parish Council boundary, to more accurately and better reflect the geography of the parish and its long established and growing community: in doing so to harness residents' collective pride and responsibility for its appearance and upkeep and to engender a positive identity within the neighbourhood.**

It will also contain details of the current boundary and the proposed boundary extension.

Any Review by Sefton MBC will seek the views of residents within the current Parish and also those whose homes would fall within the proposed new boundary. They will consider the wider implications for polling areas and speak with representatives of other Wards, Sefton & Lunt Parish Council and any other body who might be affected.

#### **4. A road by road description of the current Parish Boundary**

Set out below is the route that the current boundary takes. For convenience we refer to the maps as:-

1. Thornton North – including the Homer Green area and this overlaps with
2. Thornton South – including the Edge Farm, Edge Lane area

Starting with the Thornton North map...

The boundary's northern edge is cut off on the map but as we join it, it appears to follow Hunts Brook, through Homer Green, across the A565 and north of the perimeter of St Joseph's Hospice. It continues, running at the side of Back Lane and south, across an unnamed watercourse to the edge of The Northern Club's grounds. It then takes a south easterly course to Moor Place Tennis Club's south perimeter and on to Moor Lane.

Using the Thornton South overlay...

The boundary then turns a little up Moor Lane before it turns right, along part of Edgemoor Drive and left on to Ronaldsway, to its junction with Edge Lane, it turns right and runs in a south easterly direction.

The boundary turns left on to Stanneyfield Drive and takes a course across the back of the Lydiate Park estate on to Westbourne Ave, turning right on to Lydiate Lane and left after the Crematorium cemetery.

It follows the cemetery perimeter over Brooms Cross Rd, continuing on to Langdale Lane, Lunt Rd, right on to Moor Lane, across Harrison's Brook and I assume it probably continues along Moor Lane to its conjunction with the River Alt.

From that point it likely turns in a north westerly direction and follows the river to meet Hunts Brook, to complete the current PC Boundary.

## **5. A road by road description of where we would like to extend the Parish**

A number of long established businesses etc. refer to themselves as being “Thornton” based, even though they are actually outside the current PC boundary, including:-

Kings Church, Drummond Rd, L23 9YP

LCFA, Drummond Rd, L23 9YP

Rushtons Farm, Runnells Lane, L23 1TR

Thornton Hall Care Home, Tanhouse Rd, L23 1UB

Thornton PCT Practice, Bretlands Rd, L23 1TQ

St William of York Church, School and Club, St William Rd, L23 4TG

Newfield School, Edge Lane, L23 4TG

Edge Farm, Edge Lane, L23 1TS

Many people, living in homes locally consider themselves to be Thornton residents and we identify with Thornton, as being where we live.

In addition, the new housing developments at Pleasant Hill Close and Sundial Place (and the land on Lydiate Lane, which until recently was proposed for development, as Rakes Park) are also described as being located in Thornton. Other new proposed Thornton developments that we are aware of to the north of the Parish (whether they are successful or not) are already within the current boundary.

In order to fix this, resulting in a Parish with a boundary which truly wraps itself around our recognised community, such boundary to include both defined natural geographical elements together with developed and proposed dwellings, businesses’ sites, paths, roads etc. we would suggest an extension to the Parish as follows:-

Looking at the Thornton South map, the boundary would remain as before, to the point where it runs along Edgemoor Drive...

From here I would propose it should continue along the length of Edgemoor Drive (taking in houses on both sides) to its end and all of Edgemoor Close Cul de Sac, currently within Manor Ward, N4 then cross over on to Drummond Rd and incorporate the premises known as LCFA and also Edge Farm, beyond. The boundary would thus be routed beyond the farm's south easterly edge, along the path known as Trawden Way, to Edge Lane, to include the two dwellings at 1 and 2 New Cottages, Edge Lane, which have an L23 1TS postcode. This route takes in a corner of St Oswalds Ward and continues into Manor Ward N6.

From Edge Lane, at the junction and turning left onto Buckley Hill Lane, B5422, we find the Shy Lowen Horse Sanctuary and Buckley Hill Playing Fields so to incorporate them within the parish, the proposed boundary would thus run along Buckley Hill Lane, across Lydiate Lane, B5207 and continue up to Brooms Cross Rd, A5758, where it would turn left along that road and continue until it meets up again with the current boundary, at the end of the Cemetery grounds. Again, this area is currently within Manor Ward, N6. Please see Thornton N Manor East map re: the polling areas mentioned.



## **6. Maps of the current boundary and our proposed extension to it**

### Current boundary

Thornton North area

Thornton South area

Thornton Polling area Manor Ward N5

### Current map with extension

Large map showing current boundary and proposed extension – shown as a blue dotted line

## **7. Current levels of precepts – the annual contribution made by households in respect of the Parish Council, included as part of your Council Tax bill**

For Thornton PC, at this time it ranges from £6.08 per annum for a Band A property to £18.24 for a Band H property. For comparison, in Sefton & Lunt PC the range is £26.94 per annum for Band A to £80.80 for Band H.

<b>BAND</b>	<b>THORNTON PC</b>	<b>SEFTON &amp; LUNT PC</b>
A	£6.08	£26.94
B	£7.09	£31.42
C	£8.10	£35.91
D	£9.12	£40.40
E	£11.15	£49.38
F	£13.17	£58.35
G	£15.20	£67.34
H	£18.24	£80.80

Although Sefton has ten parish councils, other areas relevant to us (i.e. our proposed extensions towards Crosby and Netherton) are not parished and so don't currently attract a parish precept.

Some properties, which would fall within our proposed new PC boundary are currently in Sefton & Lunt Parish. For most of the properties to be included, there would be a new contribution (precept) shown in their council tax demands.

## **8. What the Parish Council does and is involved in, for the benefit of its residents**

We have an active Parish Council who organise and are involved in a variety of local initiatives.

Examples include:-

- Annual Remembrance Day Service
- Annual Christmas lights switch on and evening event
- Monthly Litter Picks
- Periodic gardening / planting activity, helped by local residents
- Clearing up “Grot Spots” identified by residents
- Link with local churches and organisations such as Scouts, Lions, Round Table, Rotary Club
- Link with Green Sefton, relating to the coming rejuvenation of the Runnells Lane Park, aka Lydiate Lane Park, in Masefield Rd and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Initiative to plant a Tree – The Green Canopy. 50 tree saplings have been given away to local residents
- We have signed up to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee lighting of a Beacon – we will be erecting a temporary beacon for the occasion, near Brooms Cross Road.
- Acted on behalf of local residents in gathering support for and raising objections to planning applications, which were considered detrimental to the neighbourhood, its residents, the environment and local wildlife etc. We were recently successful in the Planning rejection of the 5G Mast proposed for the village green. Conversely, when the Moor Lane end of

Edgemoor Drive was closed off to traffic, we were unable to offer support to residents at the other end of Edgemoor Drive, as that area is outside the current parish.

- Make representations to the Highways Department, Police and Sefton Council regarding traffic problems - congestion, unsafe parking, “rat runs” and so on. Currently, we are addressing the mess left by contractors, to the grass verges along Edge Lane.
- Maintain / assist with local monuments and surrounds.
- Have a growing Thornton Parish Council Facebook group which is used for all manner of local issues in “real time” e.g. community news, forthcoming events, lost and found, traffic issues, road disruptions, local trades etc..
- We are happy to assist with the formation of “Friends of .....” groups around the parish, in support of good causes.
- Installation of a new defibrillator and refurbished housing within the Telephone Box at The Crescent

Thank you, for taking the time to come here tonight

We hope that you found our presentation informative and useful

We will use our website and social media to keep you informed of our progress

Wishing you a safe journey home...

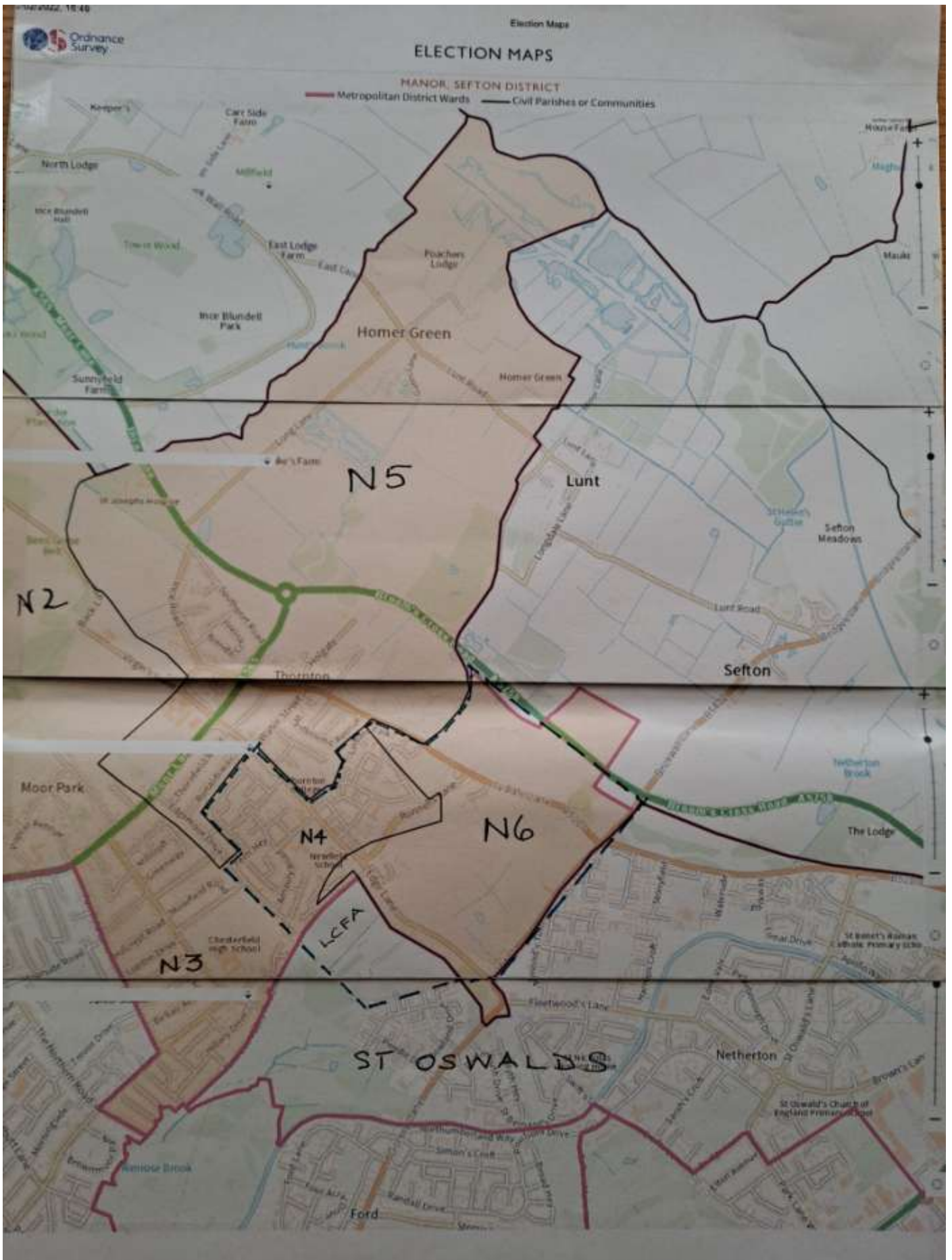
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THORNTON "NORTH" map



THORNTON "SOUTH" map



Thornton showing proposed new boundary as a dotted line



