

Peterchurch Parish – Community Governance Review. Information Sheet.

Community Governance Review proposal is seeking to increase the number of seats on the council by one to reflect an increase in population. To review the Peterchurch Community Governance review terms of reference in full please go to:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200148/your_council/779/community_governance_review/7

Peterchurch Population¹: 1,112

Population by age group:	0-15 yrs	16-29 yrs	30 – 44 yrs	45 – 64 yrs	65 + Yrs
	202	144	145	350	271

Current housing numbers: 481

Projected housing growth: Housing agreed in neighbourhood plan = 63. This equates to an 18% increase between 2011 and 2031. Further information can be viewed via the Peterchurch Neighbourhood Plan 2011 to 2033. See: <https://cld.bz/KC0ZUMy/32>

Will there be a cost if this change were to take place?

No. Parish councillors volunteer their time to the role. However, there may be a very small increase in the cost of local parish elections which take place every four years.

Is there an ideal size of a parish council?

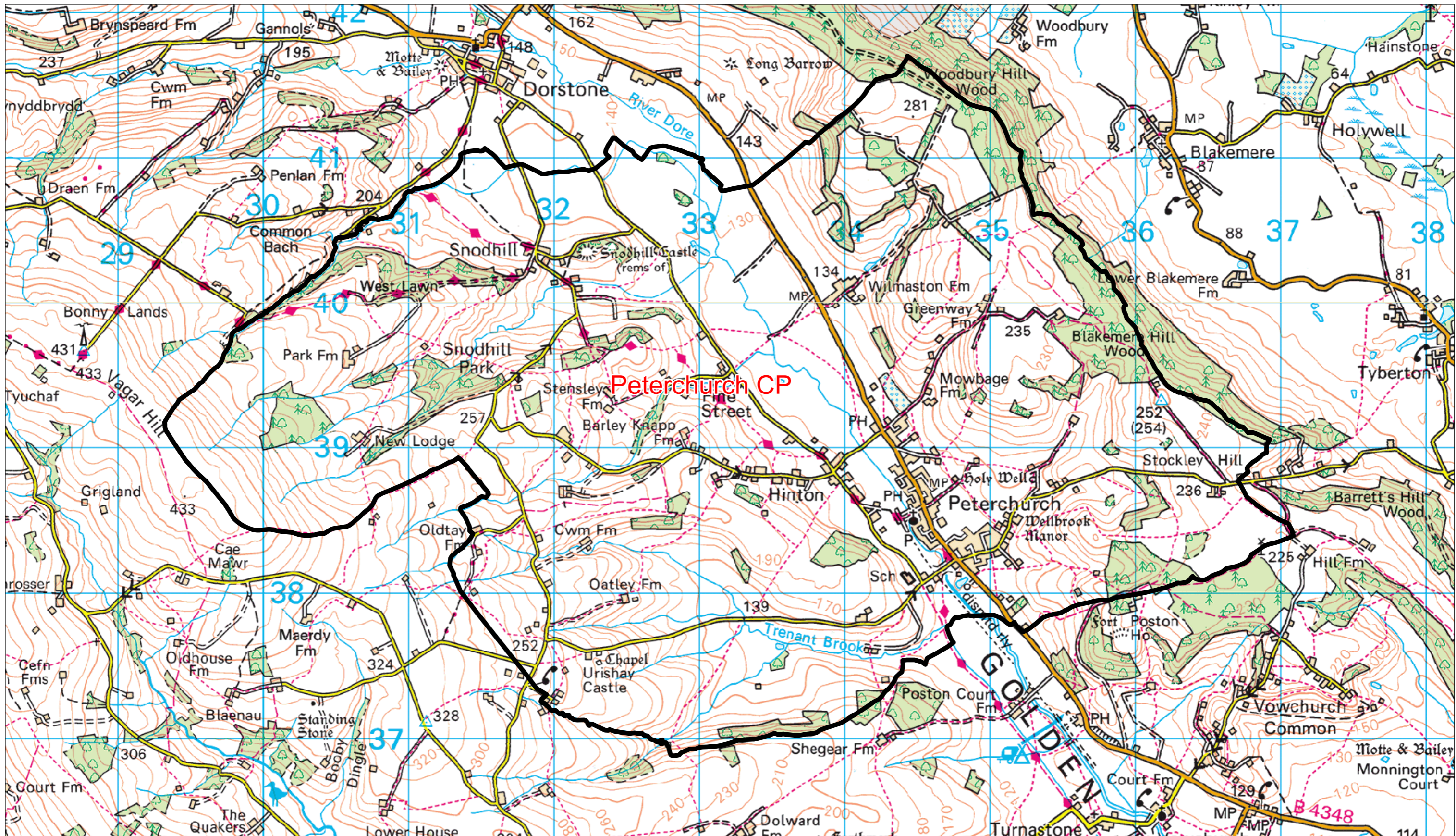
The Government’s guidance is that “each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities,” and therefore the Council is prepared to pay particular attention to existing levels of representation, the broad pattern of existing council sizes which have stood the test of time and the take-up of seats at elections in its consideration of this matter.

Parishes wishing to increase numbers must give strong reasons for doing so. The number of parish/town councillors for each council must be not less than five but can be greater. However, each parish grouped under a common parish council must have at least one parish councillor.

The Aston Business School found the following levels of representation to the good running of a council:

Electors	Councillors
Less than 500	5-8
501-2,500	6-12
2,501-10,000	9-16
10,001-20,000	13-27
More than 20,000	13-31

¹ Source: ONS © Crown copyright 2017



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