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A case for amalgamation

The case for amalgamation of Graffham with East Lavington is based on:

- A common identity and community
- Efficiencies in administration
- Same rules for planning
- Same direction as Local Government Reorganisation



East Lavington has no:

- State school, nursery or childcare centres
- Church or public place of worship
- Shops / pubs
- Community hall
- Public recreation space for sports

East Lavington Parish Council does not own, run or maintain any community assets and run no public services

'The pattern of daily life in each of the existing communities, the local centres for education and childcare, shopping, community activities, worship, leisure pursuits, transport facilities and means of communication generally will have an influence.'

Community

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- St Giles Church and the PCC
- All Saints Chapel
- Graffham Nursery
- Graffham CE Infant School
- Messy Church
- Teddy Time Toddler Group
- War Memorial
- Empire Hall
 - Post Office
 - Polling Station
 - Easter Fair
 - Christmas Fair
 - Burns night
 - Graffham Empire Movies
 - Live music
 - Harvest Supper
 - Lent lunch
 - Badminton
 - Pickleball
 - Yoga
 - Ease into Exercise
 - Pilates
 - Great Feet
 - Osteopath
- Graffham Village Shop
- Defibrillators (x4)
- The Foresters Arms
- The Three Moles
- The Woodcote
- Recreation Ground
 - Pavilion
 - Playground
 - Bowls Club
 - Tennis Club / LTA coaching
 - Graffham Valkyries Ladies Cricket
 - Football
- Graffham Garden Group
- Thursday Club
- Lunch Club
- Graffham Health Support Association
- Graffham Fete
- Graffham Festivals Arts/Science/Gardens
- Graffham Downs Trust
- Graffham Common
- Katherine Maud Guillod fund
- Long Bostle Downland Society
- Cardigan Club
- Graffham Parish News
- Graffham Village CrimeWatch (WhatsApp)
- Graffham Noticeboard (Facebook)
- Graffham Village Plan (draft)
- Graffham Common (SWT)
- Lavington Common (NT)
- Box fit / Strength + mobility
- Yoga with Kate
- Seaford College

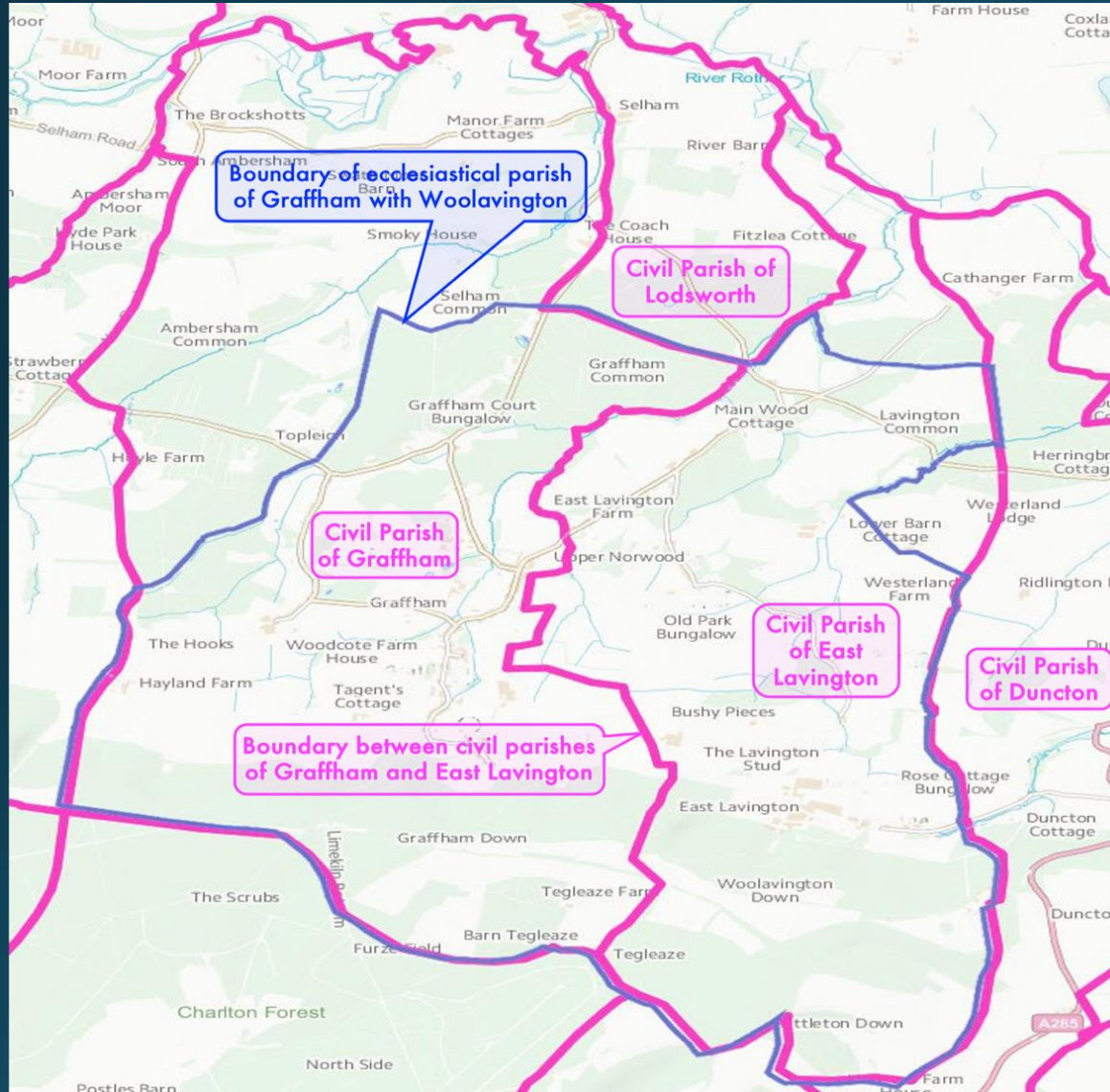


Community assets

Sir James Buchanan bequeathed
The Empire Hall, the War
Memorial and the Recreation
ground to the residents of both
Graffham and East Lavington...

ERECTED BY
SIR JAMES BUCHANAN BART
OF LAVINGTON PARK
AND THE INHABITANTS OF
GRAFFHAM & EAST LAVINGTON
IN PROUD & LOVING MEMORY OF
THE 25 MEN OF THESE PARISHES
WHOSE NAMES ARE ENGRAVEN
HEREON WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE GREAT WAR OF 1914-1918 FOR
RIGHT FREEDOM AND HONOUR
AND
IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF
THOSE 117 MEN WHO ALSO SERVED
& WHOSE NAMES ARE RECORDED
IN THE PARISH CHURCH ROLL
OF HONOUR
THEIR NAMES SHALL LIVE FOR EVER."

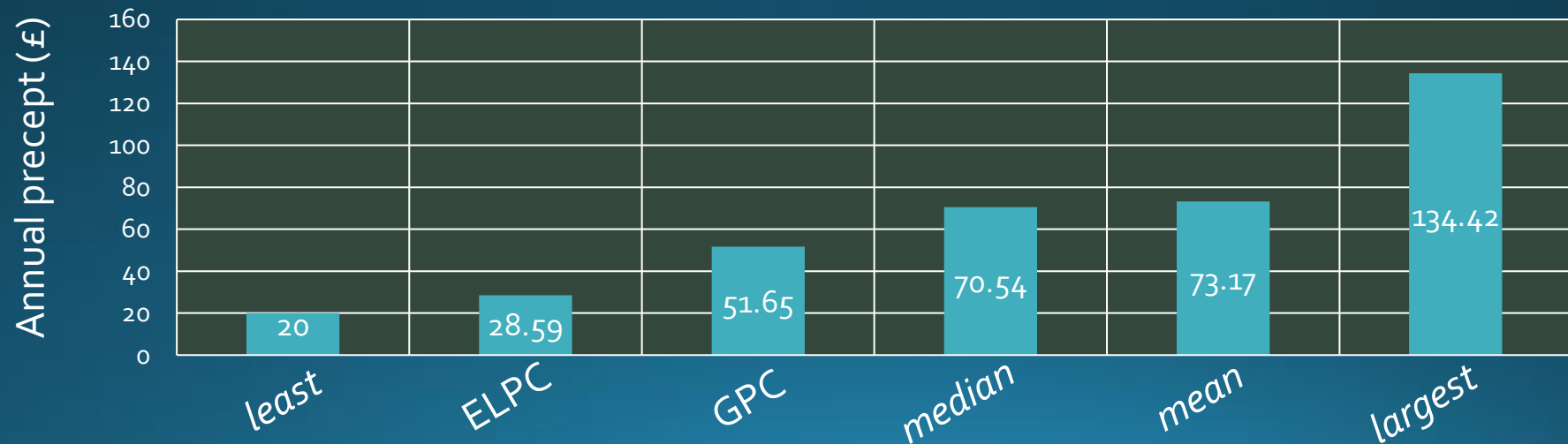
Graffham and East Lavington



Precept and how it is spent

- Admin budget for GPC this current year totals £12,225 out of a precept of £19,200, while for ELPC it totals £3,990 from a precept of £4,000
- **GPC and ELPC both have costs for: Clerks wages and office costs, insurance, WSALC membership and audit**
- Band D for Graffham PC is £51.65 and for East Lavington is £28.59
- The average (mean) parish precept within Chichester district is £73.17 based on 61 parishes.
- The median parish precept for the Chichester district is £70.54 based on 61 parishes
- Six micro parishes within Chichester district collect a precept of <£20.

Band D Precept across Chichester District 2025



Proposed amalgamation of parish councils

- **Graffham with East Lavington Parish Council**
 - No loss of identity
 - Any cost of amalgamation will be covered within 1 year due to administration efficiencies
 - The only additional burden: a handful of planning applications
- Use the model Community Governance Reorganisation Order – keeps costs down
 - Option of Wards – proportional representation
 - Graffham ward / East Lavington ward

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The *[name of principal area]* (Reorganisation of
Governance) Order *[year]*

Made - - - - *[day] [month] [year]*
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

[name of principal council] ("the council"), in accordance with sections 82(a), 83(b), 84(c) and 85(d) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Decision Making Act 2007 (the 2007 Act), has undertaken a community governance review in accordance with recommendations dated *[month] [year]*:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested parties and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to the need to secure that the council is effective and convenient under that section(f):

The council makes the following Order(g) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 98(3)(h)), 98(4)(i)), 98(6)(j)) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

- (a) Delete from order – note for drafter only – cite section 82 where no petition was involved and the council was required to undertake a community governance review.
- (b) Delete from order – note for drafter only – cite section 83 where a petition was involved and the council was required to carry out a review in response to the petition.
- (c) Delete from order – note for drafter only – cite section 84 where a petition was involved, the council was already undertaking a review, and was under a duty to respond to the petition by undertaking a separate review.
- (d) Delete from order – note for drafter only – cite section 85 where a petition was involved and the council, although not under a duty to undertake one, chose to undertake a review or to modify the terms of reference of a review being undertaken at the time.
- (e) 2007 c.28.

Amalgamation of existing parishes of *[name of existing parish]* and *[name of existing parish]* and constitution of new parish of *[name of new parish]*

11.—(1) The existing parishes of *[name of parish]* and *[name of parish]* shall be amalgamated to constitute a new parish comprising the area outlined in blue of the map.

(2) The new parish shall be known as *[name of parish]*.

(3) In consequence of paragraph (1), the existing parishes of *[name of parish]* and *[name of parish]* shall cease to exist.

[[Election[s] for the parish of *[name of parish]*]]

12.[The election][Elections] of *[name of parish]* shall be held [simultaneously] on *[year]*(h).]

[[Election[s] for the parish of *[name of parish]*]]

13.—(1) [The election][Elections] of *[name of parish]* shall be held [simultaneously] on *[year]*(i).

(a) See the *[title of order that established group]*.

(b) Delete from order – note for drafter only – any parish included in a group of parishes with neighbouring parishes from that group.

(c) Delete from order – note for drafter only – under section 11 of the LGA 1972 parishes can only be grouped with neighbouring parishes in the same district or unitary authority and with the consent of the parish meeting of each parish.

(d) Delete from order – note for drafter only – to be used where parish to be added has an alternative style but parishes in the

[Wards of the parish of *[name]* and numbers of parish councillors

18.—(1) The parish of *[name]* shall be divided into *[number]* wards which shall be named *[names]*.

(2) [Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.][Each ward shall comprise the area of the *[borough][city][county][district][London borough] [ward][electoral division]*(c) bearing the same name.]

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for *[each ward]* shall be *[number]*][each of *[names]* wards shall be *[number]*, and for *[name]* ward shall be *[number]*].]

Local government reorganisation

In West Sussex there are:

- 166 local councils
 - 158 town and parish councils
 - 7 district and borough councils
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- *Efficiency and financial resilience*
 - *Service quality*
 - *Community engagement*
 - *Support for devolution*
 - *Stronger community empowerment and engagement*

Merging now puts us in a stronger position to resist any future changes to our boundaries.

OPTION A – Single County Unitary



OPTION B1 – Two Unitaries



OPTION B2 – Two Unitaries



GRAFFHAM FETE

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Getting set for our church's big celebration

Seaford head John Green to retire in summer



Should Graffham and East Lavington merge?

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Tuesday 14 October 7pm Empire Hall

Eight pages of reports and analysis in this bumper edition



New team takes the keys of Empire Hall



Lavington Stud seeks planning consent



Fête rated great - picture special



Website that's all about Graffham



Meet the man behind St Giles



400 witness Ollie and Tom's wedding



In conclusion

We collectively socialise, exercise, learn, play, worship,
volunteer, entertain, support and care...

... as ONE fantastic COMMUNITY