

# FULL SUTTON & SKIRPENBECK PARISH COUNCIL

## PETITION TO STOP THE PROPOSED COUNCIL BOUNDARY CHANGES BETWEEN SKIRPENBECK AND STAMFORD BRIDGE

We as a Parish would hate to see part of our historic community transferred to another larger Parish Council.

Following on from the Zoom meetings organised by East Riding of Yorkshire Council about the proposed boundary changes, the Parish Council along with concerned residents of Skirpenbeck & Full Sutton have decided to organise a petition against the proposed boundary changes to ensure that residents who want to, can raise their objection.

Unfortunately, we cannot go door to door to collect signatories as current Covid-19 measures prevent this.

What would change for residents in St Edmunds and Godwin Vale if a boundary change takes place?

### Schools

Nothing changes. Not only are both Stamford Bridge and Bugthorpe schools available to the children at St Edmunds and Godwin Vale, other schools in the area are also available: St Martins Fangfoss, Bishop Wilton, Pocklington and Warter. Children from Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck have attended and do attend all of these schools. Parents have the right to state their preferred school. For those parents who do choose Bugthorpe school, a free supervised bus is provided which children from Full Sutton and Godwin Vale qualify for.

### Local Amenities

Nothing changes. Stamford Bridge is classified as a Rural Service Centre, as a substantial village which has services the wider area depends on. The facilities in Stamford Bridge, such as the bus services, library, swimming pool, village hall and play areas are available to residents of St Edmunds, Godwin Vale and all of the surrounding villages whatever the outcome of the boundary review. Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Council fully supports the recommended allocation of the Section 106 agreement monies from Godwin Vale to voluntary groups in Stamford Bridge in recognition of the fact that the facilities are available to the wider community.

### Postal Address and location

Nothing changes. Properties at St Edmunds and Godwin Vale already have a Stamford Bridge postal address, despite being located within the Skirpenbeck parish boundary.

### Parish Council and Council Tax

Residents of Godwin Vale and St Edmunds benefit from being part of Full Sutton and Skirpenbeck Parish. Full Sutton and Skirpenbeck is an extremely passionate and active parish council, who have already started work on a number of projects for the Godwin Vale estate, provide winter gritting and snow clearing and have joined Community Speed Watch to keep our roads safer. The Parish Council maintains the Skirpenbeck play area and are having defibrillators and new waste bins installed at several locations throughout the parish. A new notice board and litter bins are planned for the Godwin Vale estate as soon as the developer has completed works. The Parish Council hold a number of community events throughout the year for all residents of the parish to take part in and enjoy including the summer fair, quiz nights and parties for the children at Christmas and Halloween. Residents of Full Sutton and Skirpenbeck also pay less council tax than residents in Stamford Bridge because the parish council precept charge is less.

## Electoral Boundaries

The residents of Godwin Vale and St Edmunds are currently also residents of Wolds Weighton Ward of ERYC. If they become part of Stamford Bridge PC, then they will join Pocklington Provincial Ward of ERYC.

The Wolds Weighton Ward Councillors have started working on projects for the residents of Godwin Vale, such as a footpath to connect them to Stamford Bridge - this work will not be able to continue if the changes go ahead as the Wolds Weighton Ward councillors will no longer have any authority over this area. Pocklington Provincial Ward Councillors would need to consider the issue which may delay any commencement of works. Wolds Weighton Ward Councillors Leo Hammond and Mike Stathers are both opposed to this boundary change as they do not believe it is in the best interests of the residents of St Edmunds and Godwin Vale.

The transfer of St Edmunds and Godwin Vale to Pocklington Provincial Ward is also disadvantageous because the voter equality between the two wards is not balanced. Wolds Weighton has a lower population overall so the votes of the residents are more influential in Wolds Weighton in determining Councillors than those of the residents of Pocklington Provincial. If the residents of Godwin Vale and St Edmunds join Stamford Bridge parish and change ward from Wolds Weighton to Pocklington Provincial, they will have less say in elections and over what happens in their local area.

In terms of Parish Council participation, St Edmunds and Godwin Vale residents could represent their community on either or both Stamford Bridge and Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Councils. Changing the boundary would not affect this.

If you would like to join our petition, please sign the enclosed form and drop of at

Skirpenbeck - Central Cottage, Main Street, Skirpenbeck  
Full Sutton – 21 Halifax Close, Full Sutton

Alternatively, please post to - FS&SPC, 21 Halifax Close, Full Sutton, York. YO41 1NU.

Also if you would like to comment on these proposals then please submit to;  
Simon Clark, Electoral Services Manager, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA  
or by emailing [simon.clark@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:simon.clark@eastriding.gov.uk)

If you would like to get more involved in your Parish Council or would like further information, please contact our clerk Claire Findlay [clerk@fspc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fspc.org.uk).

Please check our website [www.fspc.org.uk](http://www.fspc.org.uk) for Agendas, Minutes and other information relating to your Parish Council. We also have a village Facebook group Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Villages Community.

Thank you for your support

Sarah Davies Chair – Full Sutton and Skirpenbeck PC	Leo Hammond Wolds Weighton Ward Councillor
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