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From: Megan Bayford
Sent: 15 September 2009 09:07
To: Arion Lawrence
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From: PETER EVANS [mailto:stondonpc@btconnect.com]
Sent: 14 September 2009 22:16
To: Reviews@
Subject: FW: TO PETER EVANS BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW KERRYS RESPONSE BY 10/09/09. and PBs.

Dear Arion,

here are the responses from Stondon Parish Council councillors.

Peter Evans
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Please forward my Views, That is, Stondon should be aligned with Henlow Camp and NOT Silsoe or Henlow Village.
Further, on cost cutting grounds, I feel we should have a single Councillor representation.
Regards,
Kerry.

Peter,
I agree with the above please forward same from me .
Peter Brown.

Here are my comments on item 343:

a) size and composition of ward - I believe that the boundaries of the ward should be changed to a more 'logical' grouping of villages. Stondon should definitely be in the same ward as Henlow Camp, as geographically these form one village. Personally, I have very little contact with Silsoe and feel that this could be included in a different ward.

b) number of councillors elected to ward - In Stondon we are lucky enough to have two councillors representing two different political parties. Although one received slightly more votes than the other, voting is fairly equally spread. Reducing the number of councillors to one would result in almost half of the population not being represented politically. In addition, my experience is that the corruption and complacency are more likely in areas where one party has been in power for decades. (I had first hand experience of this during the Poulson scandal in the 70s in the North East and therefore feel strongly that wards should have a diversity of views to keep elected members accountable to the public.)

Regards,

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