



# THE ALCONBURYS NEWS

To group or not to group ... that is the question ?

## In this issue:

*What the grouping involves!*

*Why grouping is proposed!*

*Have your say!*

**What you need to do NOW!**

## What 'Grouping' involves!

- Both Parish Councils meeting together with one Parish Clerk.
- No change to village identities or boundaries
- Separate budgets and precepts (Council Tax) maintained, current reserves maintained.
- Overall, smaller number of Councillors from each village, up to 13.
- Separate Annual Parish Meeting

## Why Grouping is proposed!

- Both Councils duplicate effort by working on common issues, e.g. flooding, maintenance of common areas.
- The two village communities are effectively one already with shared clubs and societies, e.g. scouts, guides, sports and social clubs.
- Nearly all facilities and services are used by both villages, e.g. School, Church, Shop and Village Hall etc.
- Both Councils experience difficulty in recruiting sufficient Councillors – fewer needed overall for a grouping
- Opportunity for ongoing savings to be made.

## *Have your say!*

*Email your thoughts to the Parish Clerk.*

*parishclerk@*

*alconburyparishcouncil.gov.uk*

*or*

*Return the tear off slip to the boxes found either*

*at*

*The White Hart (Alconbury Weston)*

*or*

*The Shop (Alconbury)*

**Closing date 20th December, 2021**

I am / am not (delete as appropriate) in favour of the proposed Council Grouping of

Alconbury & Alconbury Weston Parish Council's for the following reason/s :-

.....  
.....

POSTCODE .....