

Extract from SNC Governance Review Parish Questionnaire

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5. Does the parish council have the capacity to deliver its statutory functions and other services that residents require?		
6. Can you solve the problems that your residents bring to you? Does the Parish Council discuss important issues that affect the parish and try to take action, or to seek action, to deal with those issues?		
7 Is the Parish Council seen by residents to be offering active community leadership?		
8 Does the Parish Council find it difficult to get and retain sufficient Parish Councillors?		
9 Based on the Terms of Reference or other local considerations, is there a case for either increasing or reducing the number of parish councillors?		
10 Based on the Terms of Reference or other local considerations, is there a case for dividing the parish into two or more wards, each with its own allocation of parish councillors?		If yes, please let us know how you would change the boundary and the reasons for the change and email the map to review@s-norfolk.gov.uk
11 Based on the Terms of Reference or other local considerations, if you already have wards, are they up-to-date in representing the parish communities.	No	Not Applicable
12 Is there a case for 'grouping' your parish with one or more neighbouring parishes, merging them to create a single new 'joint' parish and parish council?		If yes, with which parish would you merge and are there any significant parish-owned assets or employment issues that might be affected by a merger?
13 If you are already a 'grouped' joint parish as a result of a previous merger of parishes, does the current arrangement		

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work satisfactorily?		
14. Do your parish boundaries need amending to fit with your community or communities?		If no, are there features such as rivers, railways or less-populated rural roads that might replace some of your current boundaries?
15 Would you like to change the 'style' of your parish council – in other words, its name. If you wanted to merge, what would you like to call the new 'grouped' council?		
16. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?		