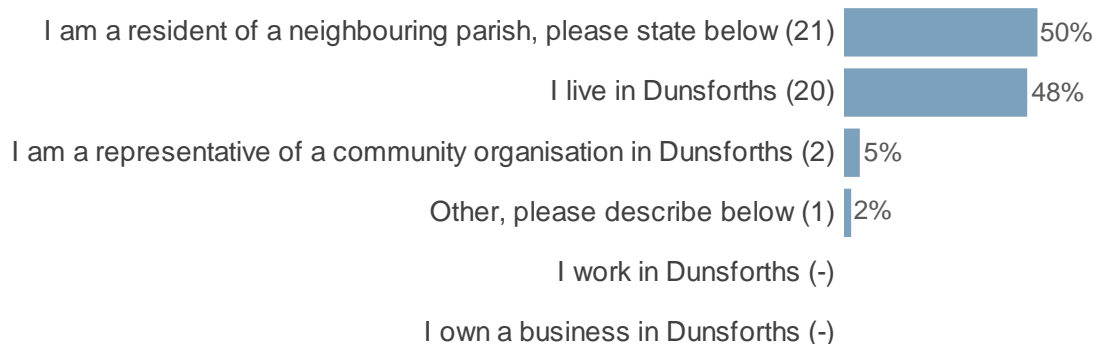


2025-26 CGR - Dunsforths

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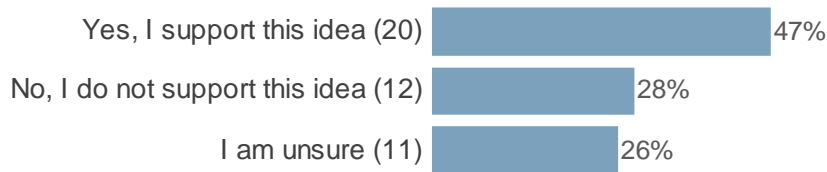


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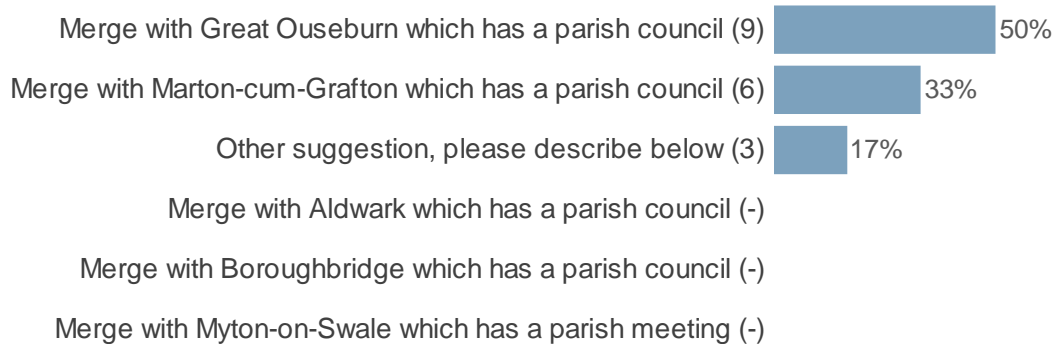
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There has been a request to merge Dunsforths parish meeting with another neighbouring parish. What is your opinion?



If 'Yes', there are a number of potential options. Which do you feel would serve your parish better?



The geography of the parish and the differences between the two distinct villages that house the majority of the households make it appropriate for the existing parish to be split: Upper Dunsforth to merge with Great Ouseburn and Lower Dunsforth to merge with Marton cum Grafton.

Join with Aldborough and Aldborough separate from Boroughbridge.

Merge with Aldborough and Aldborough leave Boroughbridge.

Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

I don't know which parish they want to join up with!! If it is marton cum grafton I see no reason for any merger.

It is the nearest village and historically upper Dunsforth was part of Branton which is now part of Great Ouseburn.

Upper and Lower Dunsforth should be split in two. Upper Dunsforth should merge with Great Ouseburn as the two villages are closely aligned.

Would it be with another rural village or would it be merged with a town such as Boroughbridge?

It feels like the Dunsforths are absolving themselves of their responsibility to get organised.

Strengthen the current parishes

This is the first I've heard of it - I would need more information to make a sensible response

It is up to the Dunsforth residents to manage their own parish affairs, and not expect neighbouring parishes to do it for them. To do so would diminish the time that Marton cum Grafton parish councillors have to deal with their own village affairs.

Aldwark is on the other side of the river. Residents of Upper Dunsforth use many of the facilities of Great Ouseburn and it is an easy walk.

I know nothing about the way Dunsforth Parish operates so was surprised that Boroughbridge residents are being consulted.

Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

The Dunsforths are unique and are formed of very different communities than those in Great Ouseburn or Marton cum Grafton. Dunsforth has its own identity and needs which would be significantly diluted and drowned out by those of neighbouring parish councils.

It would keep the Parish on one side of the A6265. Many of the children in the village of Lower Dunsforth go to Great Ouseburn school, and adults tend to attend events held in the Village Hall. Also many of our Commuted Sums have been spent on the Great Ouseburn Playground, which is well used by our children. There is just a natural tendency to look towards Great Ouseburn rather than Marton-cum-Grafton and I feel the Parish Council would be more understanding of our needs.

The Dunsforths are a small community and I feel that it would be more helpful to be part of a slightly larger community.

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to governance in Dunsforths parish?

Why is there a proposal to change things? If I knew maybe I could comment further!

I don't know what they are.

No

I'm not sure you've told me what the proposed changes are

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I support whatever decision the residents of the Dunsforth's decide on

No

See previous answer

There is a clear lack of community engagement within the existing parish as evidenced by the very low attendances at parish meetings and the repeated annual failure to find alternative office holders to the individuals who have reluctantly acted as Chair, Secretary and RFO for many years. This compromises community governance and impairs local democracy, both of which would be better served by elected representatives in a larger parish council(s). The poor attendances at parish meetings demonstrates that simply replacing the existing parish meeting with a parish council whilst retaining the existing parish boundary would not solve the problem given the extremely low likelihood of enough parishioners being willing to stand for election. Merger with a neighbouring council (or two as per my suggestion) provides access to a wider pool of candidates who would have responsibility for administration of the Dunsforths at a local level. Maintaining the existing parish meeting structure for the Dunsforths is not sustainable given the unwillingness of parishioners to stand for office or engage with the existing parish meetings.

I don't have any information on this

No

No

As I've said.

No

Only that a single merger of Dunsforths parish meeting with one parish council would fail to deliver proper governance and meaningful representation. The Dunsforths need splitting between Marton cum Grafton and Great Ouseburn parish councils.

Yes - see previous answer and questions.

As above.

Great Ouseburn Parish Council do not have the capacity or the will to take on governance of other parishes

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to governance in Dunsforths parish?

If another Village takes it over I fear local issues, ie flood risks and lack of public transport of any kind will be overlooked

Please keep as it is

I believe a union with Martin cum Grafton would be the best solution

None

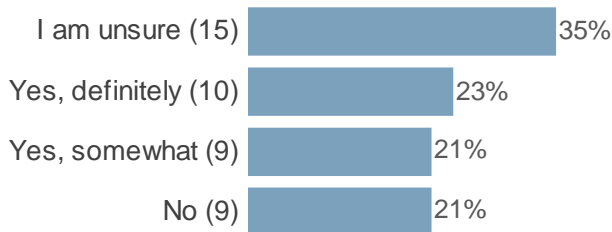
It should remain independent

We will lose the ability to make decisions for our individual village

No, apart from the fact that several years ago we asked to be considered for a boundary change because it had become so difficult to get people to take on office. and we felt it would be easier to get perhaps two people to stand as Parish Councillors on a larger Council.

I call it progress.

Do you think the proposed model will meet the needs of its community?



Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

More detail is required about the proposed changes.

No.

When will Parish Councils have a greater say what happens in their community? Currently the North Yorkshire council can overrule anything that the PC decides. This is not democracy or devolved power.

A little more information is needed

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No

Existing Dunsforths Parish Meeting office holders have indicated their unwillingness to continue in their roles beyond the outcome of this CGR. With no current parishioners indicating their preparedness to take on these roles (in spite of regular community wide appeals) the only alternative to merge with neighbouring parishes is for the responsibilities of the Parish Meeting to be taken on by NYC. That would not best serve local democracy at this level.

No

No

No

Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

The survey is hard to find. The QR code does not go to the survey. It is a webpage of places that are not the parish that I am a resident of, where I received a letter. The letter does not give a deadline. People in neighbouring parishes like mine get a letter but are not guided to what they are supposed to be filling in. Survey badly written. For example it asks whether the proposed model will meet the needs of the community - there was not a clearly articulated proposed model so this is impossible to answer. You really need a peer reviewer on the whole process and the questions. Otherwise you are just wasting time and money.

The proposed model only meets the needs of its communities if the parish meeting is split between Marton cum Grafton and Great Ouseburn parish meetings.

Yes I'd really like to talk it through to understand it better - is that an option?

As above.

None

If changes are being proposed, please consult clearly and transparently with the communities affected. At this stage, there is not enough information available about the benefits of merging with one or another neighbouring parish meeting. If outcomes of the review are not shared then the status quo should be maintained

no