


Agenda Item No:	<b>13</b>	
Committee:	<b>Council</b>	
Date:	<b>25 FEBRUARY 2016</b>	
Report Title:	<b>REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NEWTON PARISH</b>	

## 1 Purpose / Summary

- To report the receipt of a request, under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972, from Newton Parish Council to change the name of the Parish and the Parish Council to Newton-in-the-Isle.

## 2 Key issues

- Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that at the request of the Parish Council, the Council of the District in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish.
- At their meeting held on 9th November 2015, Newton Parish Council resolved to request the District Council formally change the name of the Parish and the Parish Council to Newton-in-the-Isle, as set out at Appendix A.
- Should the Council be minded to approve the change of name, notice of that change is required to be sent to the Secretary of State, Ordnance Survey and Registrar General and to be published by the District and Parish Council in a manner deemed appropriate.

## 3 Recommendations

- Note the receipt of the request from Newton Parish Council to change the name of the Parish and the Parish Council to Newton-in-the-Isle.
- Agree to the making and publication of an order under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the name of the Parish and the Parish Council from Newton to Newton-in-the-Isle.

Wards Affected	Roman Bank
Forward Plan Reference	N/A
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Background Papers	Section 75 Local Government Act 1972



## Appendix A

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Dear Mr Medd

#### **Application Under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972**

At a meeting of Newton Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November it was resolved that the name of the Parish be changed from Newton to Newton-in-the-Isle.

Newton-in-the-Isle is the original name of the Village and our Parish Church retains this name today. Many historical references to the Village and Parish use this name and its use remains common amongst residents. The village sign bears the name of Newton-in-the-Isle and depicts the history of the village over the last six hundred years. Furthermore, the existence of two separate Parishes of Newton in the County of Cambridgeshire causes much confusion for Members and Officers of the County Council.

In our recent Village Plan survey, which was distributed to every home in the Parish, more than 83% of respondents favoured the change of name from Newton to Newton-in-the-Isle. We have subsequently advised residents of our intention to proceed with this change on their behalf.

We seek your support in making the above change and request that you make the necessary order under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours Sincerely



D Fullbrook  
Chairman