

<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>24. Stansfield Parish Council</b>
<b>Area or Properties Under Review</b>	The review will look at the number of councillors for Stansfield Parish Council
<b>Parishes</b>	Stansfield
<b>Borough Ward</b>	Cavendish
<b>County Divisions</b>	Clare
<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter to Parish Council</li> <li>• Emails to elected representatives (Borough, County and MP)</li> <li>• Letters/emails to other stakeholders (see Appendix C)</li> <li>• Online questionnaire available for respondents to use</li> </ul>
<b>Electorate</b>	The Autumn 2015 electorate of Stansfield Parish was 175.
<b>Background</b>	Stansfield Parish Council has asked if it might have seven councillors instead of six in common with other nearby villages of the same size to assist in effective governance (for instance, its neighbouring parish councils of Depden, Hawkedon and Poslingford have seven councillors).

### **Summary of comments received during Phase 1**

#### **A. Response of Stansfield Parish Council**

Stansfield Parish Council would like to increase the number of councillors from 6 to 7 in line with many other small councils such as Ousden and Lidgate.

As the quorum for meetings is 3 it has, on occasions, been difficult to hold a meeting due to low numbers. Increasing the number of councillors would improve the efficiency of meetings and enable the Council to deliver a better service to the electorate by offering a wider pool of experience.

#### **B. Councillor Mary Evans (Clare Division)**

It is a sensible suggestion and ensures the council will always be quorate and is able to serve the village well.