

POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW – PIRTON

The polling and voting arrangements for the parish ward of Pirton are being reviewed and feedback is sought and welcomed.

Background

Pirton has 127 electors and is a small village in the parish of Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton. Pirton has traditionally had a polling station and is its own polling district and parish ward (returning 3 councillors to the main parish council). Originally the polling station was in the village school and when that closed, the building itself carried on being used, even though it became a private house. When that was no longer available, another private house in the village was used. During and after covid, Drakes Broughton Village Hall was used.

The Review

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 Wychavon District Council to carry out a review of Pirton polling district and polling place. It is currently Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

Electors within the area may make a representation. We invite comments from all electors regarding the convenience of voting at the polling station currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The Council would also welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

Anybody making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

By post	Electoral Services, Wychavon District Council, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT
By email	elections@wychavon.gov.uk

All representations must be made by no later than September 8th 2023. The outcome of the review will be published by the Council later in 2023 and will be available for inspection on the Council's website or by application.

Anybody making representations should be aware that, upon completion of the review, all correspondence and representations received must, by law, also be published.

Possible Options:

1. Remain at Drakes Broughton Village Hall with the rest of the parish – an excellent facility but 4 miles from Pirton along small country roads.
2. Use Pirton Grange Care Home – the care home is situated in the village and has a suitable facility – a Portacabin near the entrance – with enough room and disabled access.
3. Other options could be possible such as the church, although the building is a mile from the village. The previous polling station arrangement of a private home, while technically possible, has several drawbacks, so private homes are not usually recommended as polling stations.

Glossary:

- “Polling districts” are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
- “Polling places” are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
- “Polling stations” are the number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

Dated: 21 July 2023

Vic Allison

Chief Executive

Wychavon District Council