

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE**Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday,
4th April, 2013 at 5.30 p.m. at Addenbrooke House, Telford, Shropshire**

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Sloan (Chair), K.T. Blundell, S. Davies, N.J. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, A.D. McClements, and R.A. Overton.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Eatough (Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection), P Griffiths (Democratic Services Manager) and J Clarke (Democratic Services Support Officer).

BRC-32 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

BRC-33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

BRC-34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

BRC-35 BOROUGH ELECTORAL REVIEW

A report was tabled and included a scenario which was based on 55 members as it had proved difficult to work to 54 members. This would create a new Lawley ward and would not affect the rural areas. Proposals would in the main be within +/- 10% variances. Any wards outside variance would need to be supported by firm arguments.

Brookside

Brookside would give to the Stirchley area of The Nedge ward in order to gain a better balance.

Donnington and Muxton

There would be an exchange between Donnington and Muxton. Donnington would receive a net gain of 70 electors.

Hadley and Leegomery

This would continue to be a 3 member ward although electors had been given to Oakengates and Ketley Bank in order to get the required balance.

Horsehay & Lightmoor

Due to the building that would take place within Horsehay & Lightmoor this remained a 2 member ward.

Ironbridge Gorge

Ironbridge Gorge would take the electors from the Roberts Road area from Madeley to bring this in line.

Oakengates and Ketley Bank

A 3 member ward was suggested for Oakengates and Ketley Bank which would take on the new development towards Trench Lock.

Ketley, Overdale and The Rock

Due to growth in this area a 3 member ward would be created and re-named.

Lawley

Lawley would be created as a 1 member ward as previously it had been split into different parliamentary and parish areas and it needed its own representation.

Madeley and Cuckoo Oak

Hills Lane would be transferred to Madeley and there would be a loss of 1 seat at Cuckoo Oak which would now become a 1 member ward. Madeley would then become a 2 member ward due to its separate identity.

Malinslee

There would be some minor changes in Malinslee.

Newport and surrounding areas

Church Aston, Chetwynd and Newport would be subject to future building by 2018 and it was suggested that this area be made a special case to the Commission with regard to Newport and Rural wards. There were discrepancies with Edgmond being under represented and Church Aston being over represented by +/- 10% and further guidance from the Committee was sought with regard to Newport due to the future development.

A discussion took place regarding the future building and the projected figures and the need to make a strong argument. The Committee asked that the figures be sought and brought back to the next meeting prior to the report being submitted to the LGBC. It was also discussed whether an extension could be arranged to the LGBC's deadline of the 8th April in order that the figures could be obtained and discussed prior to the report being submitted.

St Georges and Priorslee

There would be some exchanges between St Georges and Priorslee. St Georges would also give away to Ketley to help balance the numbers. It was suggested that the St Georges Cricket Club area be included in the St Georges ward rather than in the Priorslee ward

The Nedge

The Nedge would take on electors from the Stirchley part of the Brookside ward and this was considered to be reasonable.

Wellington

Wellington would have an exchange between the wards to gain electoral equality.

Wrockwardine Wood and Trench

Wrockwardine Wood and Trench would give electors to the new Oakengates and Ketley Bank ward.

Due to ward changes to the Ketley and Oakengates and the Lawley and Overdale, together with other wards, it was necessary to make changes to some ward names which are listed below:

- Dawley Magna would change to Dawley and Aqueduct
- Edgmond and Ercall Magna
- Oakengates and Ketley Bank
- Ketley and Overdale
- Malinslee and Dawley Bank

Once the report had been finalised it would be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) with a proposal for a 55 Member Council.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the draft report and the proposed changes addressed above.

AGREED – that a further update to the report would be brought to the next meeting which would be largely based on the current report together with the Newport proposals and any further details.

BRC-36 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th April 2013 at 5.30 pm, meeting room 2.3/2.4 2nd Floor Addenbrooke House.

The meeting ended at 6.27 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: