

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 6.05 pm in Room 2.3, Addenbrooke House, Telford

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

IN ATTENDANCE: P Griffiths (Democratic Services Manager) and W Buckley (Democratic Services Support Officer).

BRC-01 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

BRC-02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

BRC-03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

BRC-04 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

LGBCE had published draft proposals following the first stage of the Borough Boundary Review. All members had been notified of the detailed proposals report which was on the LGBCE website. The Democratic Services Manager advised Members that submissions and comments could be received by LGBCE up to the deadline of 9th September 2013. The review was to look at the Borough Ward elements and not the overall Parish structure which couldn't generally be changed during this review. Councillors and Parish Councillors could forward their own submissions to the LGBCE. The majority of proposals reflected the scheme submitted by the Council.

The Chair advised the Committee that he would make a verbal report to 11th July Full Council and seek approval for the Boundary Review Committee to submit the Council's response to the draft proposals.

All Members agreed that the ward of Lawley was a lost opportunity as there had been considerable cross-party work that had been carried out there and Lawley was establishing itself as a community with a school, pub and shops which would grow with further houses being built – some of which were sold prior to formal completion. It was proposed that Lawley could still receive some recognition by inclusion of the name 'Lawley' into the title of the existing Horsehay & Lightmoor ward.

Members also agreed that the areas of Shawbirch and Admaston should not form one ward due to the school location and the brook that runs through Bratton which formed an identifiable boundary between wards.

Members agreed that the area of Preston should remain in Church Aston & Lilleshall and not be included in Hadley & Leegomery ward as proposed by LGBCE.

There was also concern shown over small areas that were identified locally as being in St Georges which remained in Priorslee in the draft proposals.

The village of Eyton was thought to fit better into the combined rural ward of Edgmond and Er call Magna rather than in the Shawbirch ward as this area had little affinity with Shawbirch and was separated by a major road.

It was also felt that, if LGBCE were insistent on a 3 member Madeley ward that the community of Sutton Hill should be included in the ward title of Madeley to reflect its importance as the first of the new town estates. It was also proposed that any submission make clear that the Council were still of the view that proposals for a 2 member Madeley ward and single member Sutton Hill ward were preferable.

Members expressed some concerns over consequential Parish warding arrangements that had resulted in some small 1 member Parish wards. The Democratic Services Manager would contact LGCBE to confirm exactly what they could do regarding consequential warding of Parishes.

RESOLVED – that the following initial views on LGBCE proposals be put forward for inclusion in a further council submission and that the Chairman update Full Council at the next meeting in July:

- (a) That the name Lawley should be included in the ward name of the proposed Horsehay and Lightmoor ward.
- (b) That a single member Shawbirch ward and a single member Admaston/Bratton ward be formed in preference to LGBCE proposals for a 2 member Shawbirch ward.
- (c) Preston area to remain within the Church Aston & Lilleshall ward.
- (d) Eyton area to be included in the Edgmond and Er call Magna ward and not, as proposed, in Shawbirch ward.
- (e) If a 3 member Madeley ward was created by LGBCE that this ward be named Madeley and Sutton Hill ward.
- (f) That the Chairman seek authority from Full Council for the Boundary Review Committee to make a submission on behalf of Council to the draft proposals.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: