

BOUNDARIES REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Notes of the meeting of the Boundaries Review Working Party held at Riverside House, Leamington Spa on Tuesday, 17 October 2006 at 5.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Boad, Gill, Kirton and Pratt

1. BOUNDARY BETWEEN KENILWORTH TOWN COUNCIL AND ASHOW AND STONELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

As part of the review of the boundaries of town and parish councils conducted in 2002, it had been agreed that the southern part of Red Lane, Kenilworth, should be transferred into the Parish of Burton Green within the Parish of Stoneleigh. The other part of Red Lane was already within the Parish Ward of Burton Green.

The Parish Ward of Burton Green came within the Parish of Stoneleigh for parish council elections and the County Electoral Division and District Ward of Stoneleigh but, since 2003, it came within the District Ward and County Electoral Division of Kenilworth Abbey for District and County elections.

The transfer had been supported by the Burton Green Residents Association and Ashow and Stoneleigh Parish Council although the proposal had not been fully agreed by Kenilworth Town Council.

The proposal had been forwarded to the Boundary Commission for consideration and implementation in time for the District and Parish Council elections to be held in 2003. However, due to the review of the boundaries of the County Council's Electoral Divisions, no further action had been taken by the Boundary Commission.

The Electoral Commission and the DCLG (which had replaced the Boundary Commission and the ODPM) were now taking action to implement proposals under the Boundary Review in time for the May 2007 elections. On their advice, all of the proposals had been advertised in the areas to be affected by the changes and responses had been received from Kenilworth Town Council and a resident of Red Lane objecting to the proposals. The Town Council had recommended that the proposals should not now proceed.

The matter was therefore brought to the Working Party for consideration prior to a recommendation being made to the Regulatory Committee for decision.

The Working Party considered the issues raised in the objection but felt that there was sound logic in positioning the whole of Red Lane in the Parish Ward of Burton Green particularly as this proposal was supported by the Burton Green Residents Association. In view of this, the Working Party agreed unanimously to recommend that the proposal to transfer the

remaining part of Red Lane into the Parish Ward of Burton Green be approved.

(The meeting ended at 5.15 pm).