

# REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2014, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 2.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Illingworth (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Gallagher, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Higgins, MacKay, Pratt, Shilton, Weed and Wreford-Bush.

## 45. **SUBSTITUTES**

There were no substitutes.

## 46. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### Minute Number 47 - Item 4 – Warwick District Community Governance Review

All Councillors present declared an interest because they all represented different wards of the District, some of which were affected by the review and some which were not.

During the course of the meeting Councillor Goode declared an interest in section 4.6 of the report because her sister lived in one of the roads in question.

## 47. **WARWICK DISTRICT COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Executive which asked Members to consider the submissions received from interested persons and to make up a set of final recommendations on the Community Governance Review underway across Warwick District.

Since February 2008, District Councils had the responsibility for undertaking Community Governance Reviews and were able to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those Reviews. In making that decision, Councils had to take account of the views of local people and were required to consider guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Any changes in parish boundaries that affected the boundaries of District Council wards and/or Warwickshire County Council Electoral Divisions had to be referred to the Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) with a recommendation to change all boundaries affected.

The report advised that the Community Governance Review Terms of Reference published in July 2013, stated the public consultation period for consideration of the draft proposals was to be held between 17 December 2013 and noon 17 March 2014. With the delay of the Regulatory Committee meeting from 16 December 2013 to 28 January 2014, a new consultation timetable needed to be agreed.

Prior to consideration of the separate areas, the Chairman, Councillor Illingworth reminded Members that the Committee would not be making any final decisions at the meeting. He advised that any changes, if agreed, would go forward for further extensive public consultation. In addition, if any parishes wished to have individual meetings with officers to discuss concerns, this could be arranged.

Councillor Illingworth also welcomed the members of public who were present to address the Committee when their relevant areas were discussed.

The report was divided into a number of sections to ensure that the Committee were clear on the recommended boundary changes and the comments received from interested parties for each individual Ward. These details and the corresponding maps for each area were included in sections 4 to 9 of the report.

With regard to recommendation 4.2, Members were advised that comments had been received regarding the existence of two Rugby Roads in Leamington Spa and how this may cause confusion with Royal Mail and residents. Members noted this and felt that the properties should not be included in Leamington Manor ward and should remain in Cubbington.

Mr Lennon addressed Members on behalf of Heathcote Park Residents Association and requested support for section 7.5 of the report.

Councillor Day, representing Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council addressed the Committee with regard to sections 8.1 and 9 of the report. Section 8.1 considered Myton and Heathcote and section 9 concerned Whitnash.

Councillor Heath, Ward Councillor for Whitnash also addressed Members in respect of section 9.

Having read the report, and having heard from the representatives present, the Committee agreed that the following recommendations be put forward for further public consultation. The revised dates for consultation were also agreed.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) The following recommendations be put forward for consultation:
  - a) Manor Town ward be realigned with the LGBCE's recommended Manor District Ward to include the New Cubbington area currently within Cubbington Parish Council North Ward, as per section 4.1 and map A ;
  - b) Manor Town ward would not be realigned to include the properties numbered 2 to 86 Rugby Road. These properties would remain within Cubbington Parish Council South Ward and the advice regarding two Rugby Roads was noted;
  - c) Royal Leamington Spa Town Council ward boundaries be realigned with the LGBCE recommended District wards of Brunswick, Clarendon, Crown, Leam and Newbold, as per section 4.3;
  - d) the number of Royal Leamington Spa Town Councillors be increased from 16 to 24 members, with 3 members per ward, as per section 4.4;

- e) the land of the former North Leamington School site and the new school site currently within Old Milverton Parish Council be included into the Royal Leamington Spa Manor Town ward, as per section 4.5 and map B;
- f) Milverton Town ward be realigned with the LGBCE's recommended Milverton District ward and includes Range Meadow Close, Hopton Crofts and Guy's Cliffe Avenue, as per section 4.6 and map C;
- g) the joint Parish Council of Old Milverton and Blackdown is divided between two District wards. Old Milverton will sit within the Milverton District ward and the parished area of Blackdown will sit within the Manor District Ward, as per section 4.7 and map G;
- h) SydenhamTown ward be realigned with the LGBCE's recommended Sydenham District ward and will include the Whitnash Town Council East ward, as per section 4.8 and map D;
- i) the Abbey and Park Hill Town Council ward boundaries be realigned with the LGBCE's recommended District wards of Abbey and Park Hill in the town of Kenilworth, as per section 5.1;
- j) the St. John's Town ward be realigned with the LGBCE's recommended St. John's District ward and will include the Kenilworth Town Council Queen's ward, as per section 5.2 and map E;
- k) to realign the south eastern boundary of Kenilworth St John's town ward and the northern parish boundary of Leek Wootton and Guys Cliffe, as per section 5.3 and map 1;
- l) to realign the northern town boundary of the Kenilworth Abbey town ward, the Kenilworth Park Hill town ward and the southern parish boundary of parish of Burton Green as per section 5.4 and map 6;
- m) the University ward be separated from Ashow and Stoneleigh joint Parish Council to become a ward of Burton Green Parish Council, as per section 6.1 and map 7;
- n) the Parish of Burton Green be warded, with one ward taking in the village of Burton Green and one ward taking in the University, as per section 6.2;

- o) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommendation that Abbey Ward in Kenilworth will include both the Parish of Burton Green and University ward of Ashow and Stoneleigh joint Parish Council, is supported;
- p) the Warwick Town Council ward boundaries be aligned with the LGBCE's recommended District wards of Aylesford, Emscote, Myton & Heathcote, Saltisford and Woodloes in the town of Warwick. Each ward will be allocated 3 members, as per section 7.1;
- q) the northern boundary of the Warwick North town ward (proposed Woodloes town ward), the northern parish boundary of Budbrooke and the southern parish boundary of Leek Wootton and Guys Cliffe, be realigned as per section 7.2 and map 2;
- r) contrary to the officer's recommendation in 7.3, the following properties currently in the parish of Guy's Cliffe should remain in Leek Wootton and Guy's Cliffe joint Parish Council and will not move into the Emscote ward of Warwick Town Council as per map 2, (Guy's Cliffe House, The Cottage, The Saxon Mill, The Flat, The Saxon Mill and Heron House);
- s) the northern parish boundary of Barford, the north western parish boundary of Bishop's Tachbrook and the current south eastern Warwick West town boundary (proposed Aylesford town ward) be realigned along the M40, as per section 7.4 and map 3;
- t) Bishop's Tachbrook north western boundary and Warwick South town ward (proposed Myton & Heathcote town ward) southern boundary be realigned along Harbury Lane and Europa Way, (as per section 7.5 and map H);
- u) the Budbrooke eastern parish boundary and the current western and the current southern Warwick West town boundary (proposed Aylesford town ward) be realigned along the A46 and the M40, as per section 7.6 and map 4;
- v) the northern parish boundary between the Town of Whitnash West ward and the current Town of Warwick South ward (Myton & Heathcote Ward), the south eastern parish boundary of the current Town of Warwick South ward (recommended ward Myton & Heathcote) between the Town of Whitnash West ward and the north eastern

boundary of the Parish of Bishop's Tachbrook, be aligned as per section 8.1 and map F, with the exception that the boundary extending in a westerly direction from a point in the centre of Othello Avenue to the junction with Miranda Drive, should not run along the centre of Bolingbroke Drive but should run along the rear garden line of the houses on the north side of Bolingbroke Drive, as per the existing boundary;

- w) the south western Whitnash West town ward, the current Whitnash East town ward boundary (proposed South town ward) and the Bishop's Tachbrook north eastern parish boundary be realigned along Tachbrook Road and Harbury Lane, as per section 9.1 and map 5; and
- (2) the revised dates for public consultation on the draft recommendations will be held between 29 January 2014 and noon 30 April 2014.

(The meeting ended at 4.30pm)