

# **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2013, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 2.30 pm.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs Grainger and Councillor Guest.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Higgins)

## **37. SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor Mrs Mellor substituted for Councillor MacKay.

## **38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### Minute Number 38 – Warwick District Community Governance Review 2013

Councillor Mrs Mellor declared that she was a resident of Warwick Gates but was not directly affected by the proposals before the Committee.

Councillor Illingworth declared he was a member of Kenilworth Town Council and represented Kenilworth Town Council Abbey Ward which was affected by the proposals.

Councillor Shilton declared he represented Kenilworth Park Hill Ward at Kenilworth Town Council which was affected by the proposals before the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Mellor declared she was a Member of Warwick Town Council who would be affected by the proposals.

Councillor Gill declared he was a member of Royal Leamington Spa Town Council who had made submissions about the proposals and were affected by the proposals.

## **39. WARWICK DISTRICT COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2013**

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Executive which asked Members to consider the submissions received from interested persons and determine a set of draft proposals for public consultation on the Community Governance Review underway across Warwick District.

Since February 2008, District Councils have had the responsibility for undertaking Community Governance Reviews and have been able to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those Reviews. In making that decision, Councils need to take account of the views of local people and are required to have regard to 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 would be referred to the Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) with a recommendation to change all boundaries affected.

The report summarised the submissions received and the Committee would need to consider each proposal on its merits in relation to the particular communities affected.

There had been 16 submissions received from Parish and Town Councils and a Parish meeting. There were a further 109 submissions (including two petitions) regarding the separate residents consultation in Warwick Gates.

An addendum was circulated at the meeting outlining suggested minor amendments to Parish and Town Boundaries for consultation with the relevant Councils. The proposals had been made by officers with a view to making the boundaries more clearly defined and focused on communities. These proposals related to the following wards: Arden, St John's, Budbrooke, Woodloes, Aylesford, Bishop's Tachbrook, Budbrooke, Abbey, Burton Green and Whitnash.

**RESOLVED** that officers produce proposals based upon the following points for approval by the Regulatory Committee in December 2013 prior to public consultation;

- (1) the principle of the review is confirmed in that all wards, where practically possible, should be coterminous;
- (2) to align the Royal Leamington Spa Town Council with the eight wards proposed, by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, for Warwick District Council in the Town of Royal Leamington Spa;
- (3) to increase the number of Royal Leamington Spa Town Councillors from 16 to 24, with three Councillors per ward;
- (4) officers consult with the residents of Cubbington North Ward for their views on the proposed move of this ward in to Leamington Manor Town Ward, as set out at Map A;
- (5) the land of the old North Leamington School be moved into the Leamington Town Council Manor Ward to make the District and Town Council boundary coterminous, as set out in Map B;
- (6) the properties in Range Meadow Close, Hopton Crofts and Guy's Cliffe Avenue, currently in the Old Milverton Parish be moved to the Royal Leamington Spa Town Council, Milverton Town Ward, to make these properties coterminous with District Council Boundary;

- (7) that the Old Milverton and Blackdown Joint Parish Council be split into two wards of Old Milverton and Blackdown;
- (8) that the Sydenham District Ward, in Royal Leamington Spa, will include the Whitnash Town Council East Ward in to a new Sydenham Town Ward of Royal Leamington Spa Town Council, to make the District and Town Council boundaries coterminous;
- (9) to align the Kenilworth Town Council wards with the three wards proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commissions for England District in the Town of Kenilworth, to ensure they are coterminous;
- (10) to align the recommended St John's District Council ward in Kenilworth to include the recommended Kenilworth Town Council Queen's ward in to the proposed new St John's Town Ward, to ensure they are coterminous;
- (11) that Burton Green Parish Council be split into two wards, one taking the village of Burton Green and the other taking the University ward from Ashow and Stoneleigh Parish Council;
- (12) to align the Warwick Town Council wards with the five recommended District Wards for Warwick and each Town Ward be allocated three members, to enable the boundaries to be coterminous;
- (13) the boundary between the recommended ward Myton & Heathcote, Whitnash West ward and Bishop's Tachbrook Parish be defined by the middle of Othello Avenue;
- (14) the middle of Heathcote Lane be used as the boundary between the Town of Whitnash West Ward and the proposed Myton & Heathcote Ward;
- (15) the south eastern boundary of Kenilworth St John's Ward and northern boundary of Leek Wootton and Guys Cliffe be amended to run along the boundary of the A46 in a southerly direction to the Cattle Brook, then in a westerly direction along the brook until it meets the current boundary, as defined on Map 1;
- (16) to amend the Arden, Budbrooke and Woodloes ward boundaries as defined within map 2 of the addendum, subject to further consultation on the potential to remove the old Guy's Cliffe House from the Arden ward and Leek Wootton Parish into Warwick Town;

- (17) to amend the boundaries for Aylesford, Bishop's Tachbrook and Budbrooke wards as outlined in Map 3 of the addendum;
- (18) to amend the boundaries for Aylesford and Budbrooke as outlined in Map 4;
- (19) to amend the Bishop's Tachbrook and Whitnash boundary as defined within Map 5;
- (20) to amend the Abbey and Burton Green boundary to run north westerly along the disused railway line to Blind Lane, then turning south westerly along Blind Lane to north of Dunns Pitts Farm, then westerly along the field boundary to a point where it meets with the existing boundary.

(The meeting ended at 3.50pm)