

Title	Community Governance Review – Boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes
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Wards of the District directly affected	Budbrooke
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A
Background Papers	The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report to Committee on 27 June 2011 and 15 August

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No (If No state why below)
This is a minor change to a parish boundary and does not have any equality or sustainability implications.	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	17.10.11	Andy Jones
Legal	17.10.11	John Gregory
Finance	17.10.11	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder	17.10.11	Michael Doody
Consultation & Community Engagement		
The Community Governance Review authorised by the Committee in June involved an initial consultation exercise which was completed.		
Final Decision?	No	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A request was received from the Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for a change to the boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes and in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Committee agreed to carry out a community governance review.
- 1.2 The review has now been completed and an Order has been made to change the boundary. The Order will come into effect on 1 April 2012.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the contents of this report be noted.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 So that members will be aware that the Order to change the boundary between the parishes of Barford and Wasperton has been made and that the change will take effect on 1 April 2012.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

4.1 **Policy Framework**

There are no relevant Council policies affected.

4.2 **Fit for the Future**

The recommendations do not contribute to 'Fit for the Future' other than to respond favourably to a request from a Joint Parish Council.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 Costs of under £1000 have been incurred in carrying out the review and these will be met from within the electoral register general expenses budget.

6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 No alternative option has been considered.

7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 At its meeting held on 27 June 2011 the Committee agreed to carry out a community governance review following a request from the Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for a change to the boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes. The agreed terms of reference for the review were:

To review the Barford/Wasperton parish boundary between points A and B on the plan attached as Appendix 1 with a suggested amendment to show a revised boundary between points A and C on the plan.

- 7.2 The first stage of the review was to undertake a consultation exercise which was carried out at the end of July/beginning of August. No comments were received as a result of the consultation exercise.
- 7.3 At its meeting held on 15 August 2011 the Committee accepted that there had been development over the existing boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes and an amendment to the boundary could therefore be justified. In the absence of any comments to the contrary and bearing in mind that the change was requested by the local Joint Parish Council the proposed change of boundary was considered appropriate and reflected the identities and interests of the community in that area and was effective and convenient.
- 7.4 In the circumstances the Committee made the following recommendation:
That the parish boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes be amended to follow the line between points A and C on the plan attached as appendix 1
- 7.5 The Committee agreed, in accordance with the 2007 Act, that
- a) the recommendation be published; and
 - b) such steps as the officers consider sufficient be taken to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the recommendation.
- 7.6 It was also agreed that if no comments were received during a period of one month from the publication of the recommendation, the recommendation would be adopted and the officers authorised to make the necessary order and do everything necessary to introduce the change of boundary. If comments were received they were to be submitted to the Committee so it could decide on the action to be taken.
- 7.7 No comments were received during the period of one month and, in accordance with the authority given by the Committee, the Order has been made and steps taken to publicise the fact.
- 7.8 The change of boundary will come into effect on 1 April 2012.