

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of final recommendations for the Community Governance reviews of Chidlow, Malpas, Newton-by-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Wigland and Wychough parishes

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Reviews of Chidlow, Malpas, Newton-By-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Wigland and Wychough parishes, under the terms of reference published on 25 October 2013, the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council has made the following final recommendations to be subject to a further final period of consultation prior to being agreed by Council:

That:

- 1) the boundary of the existing parish of Malpas be redrawn to the north to follow Mates Lane to the junction with Chester Road to transfer the properties of Hannets Cottage, Kidnal Hill Farm, Gams Wood Cottage, Yew Tree Cottage, Bellair and Mole End from Edge parish to Malpas parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Malpas be redrawn to the east at Ebnal Lane to transfer the property of Hamilton House from Malpas parish to Hampton parish;
- 3) the boundary of the existing parish of Malpas be redrawn to the east to follow the line of the Dismantled Railway Line at Bawbrook to transfer the properties of 30 – 38 Back Lane; 56 – 60 Cross o' th' Hill Road; Whitegates Farm; The Cottage and Cartrefle from Malpas parish to Bickley parish;
- 4) the boundary of the existing parish of Malpas be redrawn to the south along Higher Wych Road at Hough Bridge to transfer the property of Blue Cedars from Bradley parish to Malpas parish;
- 5) the boundary of the existing parish of Oldcastle be redrawn to the west to transfer Topwood Farm and The Greaves from Oldcastle parish to Threapwood parish;
- 6) the parishes of Malpas, Newton-By-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton and Wychough be amalgamated to constitute a new single parish comprising the area of those parishes;
- 7) the new parish shall be known as Malpas;
- 8) in consequence of paragraph (6) above, the existing parishes of Malpas, Newton-By-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton and Wychough shall cease to exist;
- 9) a new local council for the parish of Malpas be created;
- 10) the local council for the parish of Malpas adopt the style of "parish";
- 11) the parish council for the parish of Malpas consist of 14 members;
- 12) the parish of Chidlow should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 13) the name of the parish of Chidlow should not be altered;



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- 14) the parish of Chidlow should not have a parish council;
- 15) no new parish should be constituted through the aggregation of part of Chidlow parish with another or amalgamation of the whole of Chidlow parish with another;
- 16) no grouping provision be made in relation to Chidlow parish;
- 17) the community governance arrangements for Chidlow parish be revisited under a new community governance review in advance of the local elections scheduled to take place in 2019;
- 18) the parish of Wigland should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 19) the name of the parish of Wigland should not be altered;
- 20) the parish of Wigland should not have a parish council;
- 21) no new parish should be constituted through the aggregation of part of Wigland parish with another or amalgamation of the whole of Wigland parish with another;
- 22) no grouping provision be made in relation to Wigland parish; and
- 23) a Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1 April 2015 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in May 2015.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance reviews of Chidlow, Malpas, Newton-By-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Wigland and Wychough parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries which reflect the identities and interests of local residents; to enable more effective and appropriate community governance arrangements for the local electorate; and to enable a more thorough consideration of the options relating to the future community governance of Chidlow parish in conjunction with the neighbouring Parish Meetings..

The current total electorate for the area is 1602. Taking into account projected new dwellings which could be built in the existing parishes over the next five years based on planning permissions already approved; the total projected electorate for the area is 1908. The current size of Malpas Parish Council is comparable with Councils representing a similar electorate where no grouping arrangement exists. However, it is recognised that in order to retain the current ratio of Councillors to electors and reflect the larger geography to be covered by a new Council, an increase in Council size would be appropriate.

Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations may do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Goldsmith House, Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 1SE. Alternatively,



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representations may be submitted by email to partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting 'Community Governance Review –Malpas' in the subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 28 September 2014.

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