
THE ORGREAVE CONSULTATION

A RESPONSE BY BRINSWORTH AND CATCLIFFE WARD LABOUR PARTY

It is surprising that Orgreave Parish Council have drawn their barrier so close to their residential properties to leave a vast area of their parish and it seems they wish to absolve the new residents from being represented by them. It also looks as they have not consulted any of their residents in the new settlement, I hope this consultation will involve the new residents in Catcliffe and Orgreave.

The use of Waverley in a development plan name would not be unusual as it happens in lots of places (Treeton have Beaumont Park, Brinsworth has Parkside Gardens and they do not have any identity with either village) but to use Waverley as a name for a village to replace the rest of Orgreave would be inappropriate as Waverley is already in place at a location adjacent to the Parkway where the Advanced Manufacturing park is.

Without being boring a lot of residents are still around and know the area well as they grew up in Catcliffe and spent a lot of time in the Waverley area and walking the footpaths past Waverley collieries on their way to High Hazels Park.

High Hazels Colliery shaft was located adjacent to where the Morrison's roundabout is on Poplar way and if you take a line adjacent to the Parkway towards Sheffield from the Old Pit(HH Colliery) you would then come across the other Waverley Collieries including the drift mines before coming to the Waverley Coke ovens adjacent to the Great Central railway, across the railway within the Sheffield boundary is the existing Waverley Cottages on Waverley Lane.

So it can be said that the Waverley area takes in the all of the Advanced Manufacturing Park and the adjacent development, in fact if you travel off the Parkway by road you will see a large sign stating "**This is Waverley**".

Adjacent to the Waverley Collieries was the Highfield Spring Wood and then Highfield Farm.
Steel Peach and Tozer had a steel waste tip for a number of years on the site.

Outcropping had been prevalent after the war around that area but it was after the Waverley Collieries closed that the modern Opencasting commenced with first the Waverley site, then Waverley East and then Orgreave opencast crossing and taking up Highfield Lane, this being the last one to complete in the area.

The Waverley East site and the Orgreave site took away Highfield Spring wood, Highfield Farm, uprooting Highfield Lane before mining the Orgreave

These comments were made by Reg Littleboy and were adopted by the Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward Labour Party on 16th June 2015 as their submission to the consultation.

Fletcher, Stuart

From: Stuart Fletcher
Sent: 17 July 2015 19:22
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish, 8WD

Dear Sir

I read with interest your letter and enclosed booklet.

Please note my comments when considering the above proposal.

The above address pays a precept for Catcliffe, besides paying Council Tax to Rotherham and an additional Waverley Management fee, in effect 3 'taxes' to live here. There is no connection to Catcliffe and no involvement in their affairs. Nor as far as I can tell any connection to Orgreave.

I believe Waverley stands alone as a community and is well supported by the management committee, I cannot see any advantages in creating a new parish or merging with another. I would prefer to just pay our Council Tax to Rotherham and the Waverley Management fee.

Regards

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 19 July 2015 06:43
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Waverley parish

Dear Stuart

As a family we have discussed this issue and feel that the residents of Waverley and Orgreave would be better served by desperate parishes. We each have our own identities and as such our communities will have different needs.

Yours faithfully

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 19 July 2015 19:02
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish

Mr Fletcher,

I would fully support the creation of a new Parish of Waverley for the following reasons:

- having lived here for 2 years now - we are now only just beginning to get a sense of community - due to the Waverley pro-boards web and the Winter Green. Up till then we felt very much isolated and cut off from each other and the wider community. Having our own distinct Parish would undoubtedly increase our sense of community further.
- our growing community does have a number of people who are very community minded (like myself). At the moment they can only really have an impact via the Waverley web. These individuals would be ideal future Parish Councillors - this would therefore re-energise Parish affairs as generally these individuals are well educated and are on the right side of 40. If a Waverley Parish Council was created I myself for one would seriously consider about standing.
- we have often felt bewildered and powerless as regards Haworth estates - having a Parish Council made up of concerned members of our local community might well give our residents more of an influence over the machinations of Harworth Estates.

I therefore think that the Parish of Orgreave remain it is but that as well as a new Parish council of Waverley be established that includes ALL present and future residents on the Waverley development.

Thank you,

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 20 July 2015 09:59
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish

Dear Stuart

I am writing in response to your letter dated 14th July regarding the community governance review of Orgreave parish.

I wish to inform you that I do not agree that a new parish should be created to include Orgreave and Waverley (Waverley Parish).

Orgreave and Waverley are two distinct villages and as such I believe should have their own parishes.

Yours faithfully

Sent from Windows Mail

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 21 July 2015 11:07
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: community Governance review

Dear Stuart,

Reference to your letter dated 14th July 2015 about the Orgreave parish and creating a new Parish for Waverley.

We agree in principle with the proposal but i have few questions / concerns?

Is this going to cost more money over and above what we are already having to pay, to maintain roads, footpaths etc through so called service charge?

Secondly, once the new parish is created how do we nominate for the parish councillors positions from Waverley area only?

I wouldn't want people from other area being on our local parish council.

i feel builders are making huge profits out of this development and they are the one should be investing some of their profit to develop this community in returns they will get more people moving in to make even more money for them, Thats fine by me as long as council and other services monitor these large developers and make them contribute their share? All the burden should not be put on small people like us (tax payers).

i hope some body with an authority would look in to our concerns and readdress the balance.

Thank you

Date: 22th July 2015

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Community governance review – Orgreave Parish

Dear Mr Fletcher,

I am writing to you with regard to the above notification. Unfortunately I am against both of the proposals you set out in your booklet. The new Waverley area being included into the existing Parish of Orgreave and a new Parish area being created for Waverley and being named as such.

I do not understand why becoming part of either Parish would force me to pay yet another additional fee for living in Waverley. I already have to pay multiple fees for living in this area and I do not feel I should have to pay anymore. On top of council tax I also have to pay a management fee of £150 per year (this is subject to inflation), I feel this in itself is a type Parish charge. I feel that forcing myself and my neighbours to pay yet another fee is incredibly unfair. Especially as you mentioned in your leaflet that there were no common facilities at Waverley such as schools, childcare, leisure centres, local transport facilities, community activities or places of worship, nor are there likely to be any such facilities anytime soon. I wouldn't use any of them anyway as I have no need for such facilities. Therefore I disagree with having to pay an additional Parish fee for things I would never use on top of what I am already paying for. Bearing in mind when I moved into my house I was already paying council tax for services I wasn't receiving for several months (i.e. bin collections), which was a real challenge to get set up/sorted out).

I understand some people will be in favour of being part of a Parish (they will probably be more in favour of their own Waverley Parish), however if this is the case I strongly suggest that the residents should be given a reduction in our council tax and/or Waverley land management fee.

Yours Sincerely,

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 23 July 2015 11:31
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: community governance review orgreave parish council

Dear Mr Fletcher,

If possible, could you please tell me where the new boundary will be, if this proposal goes ahead?

Yours sincerely

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 23 July 2015 12:43
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: ORGREAVE - COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

I wish to make the following comments regarding the proposals to alter the existing boundary of the Parish of Orgreave & also the formation of a new Parish to be named Waverley.

All the reasons given in the original petition by Orgreave Parish Council are all valid. Furthermore, Orgreave has its own identity and residents do not feel any links to the new 'township' being built in Waverley. Orgreave currently has approx. 300 dwellings and it is proposed that Waverley will end up with approx. 4000 dwellings. If the Parish of Orgreave was to expand to 4300 dwellings, the current residents in Orgreave could well lose their voice in making decisions that affect them.

Orgreave Parish Council only stopped collecting signatures (approx. 300) to petition RMBC for a Community Governance Review once it had received sufficient signatures to petition RMBC. It could have collected many more. The previous Orgreave Parish Boundary Consultation conducted by Orgreave Parish Council with residents in both Orgreave & Waverley overwhelmingly showed that neither community wished to be linked and the residents in Waverley should form their own Parish.

The residents of Orgreave also successfully fought a long & hard campaign to stop a link road being built across its local playing field that would only have benefitted Waverley, not Orgreave. The proposal to build this road across our local playing field alienated many of the residents in Orgreave against the 'Waverley' project and also RMBC who drove the project.

The current boundary between Orgreave & Catcliffe through the Waverley 'township' does not follow a clear line therefore some houses on certain streets currently belong in the Parish of Orgreave & some belong in the Parish of Catcliffe.

Harworth Estates are currently tipping approx. 500,000 tons of hardcore / soil onto the site near to the boundary of the Orgreave estate that blocks out the views between the two communities. Harworth Estates once again failed to liaise with the residents in Orgreave about the reasons for this, despite assurances being given by its Management. Harworth Estates have consistently failed to work with the local community surrounding Waverley to form any bonds.

The residents in Waverley will also have a 'Management Committee' that will look after the interests of its residents - this being funded by a management fee imposed on all houses within Waverley by Harworth Estates. What leverage would this Management Committee have in the making of local decisions?

The Waverley development was given its own identity from the beginning and has never promoted itself as being part of the Parish of Orgreave. It also has its own postcode (S60.8) whereas the residents in Orgreave are S13.8).

Regards,

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Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 28 July 2015 08:21
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Orgreave Parish Council

With regard to the Community Governance Review on Orgreave Parish Council I believe that Orgreave Parish Council should remain as it is and NOT join with the new district of Waverley.

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 28 July 2015 15:30
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish

Dear Mr Fletcher,

I would like to state that I am fully supportive of Orgreave Parish Council in the above matter. As a resident of Orgreave, I have no desire to be swallowed up by the new community known as Waverley. Geographically the two communities are not connected and therefore should not be treated as one. Furthermore, we are happy with both the local primary and secondary schools within our catchment area and would not like this to change.

Kind Regards

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 04 August 2015 11:47
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Waverley

MR FLETCHER

I and my wife are residents on the new Waverley development and share the same views . We would welcome a independent waveley district . This development is increasing in size monthly and as such already has licensed premises . Plans are being talked about a supermarket and possibly a school . This reflects the demographic off people coming to live on the development now and in the futue. As such deserves it's own identity.

Sent from Samsung tablet.s

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 04 August 2015 13:02
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Fwd: Orgreave/ Waverley review

Dear Sir

I have read the terms of reference concerning the above and am in agreement with them.

I voted previously to indicate my opinion which is in agreement with the creation of a new area at Waverley, for the reasons set out in Pararaph 1.3 of the document .

Yours sincerely

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 09 August 2015 13:15
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Orgreaves

We have looked at the reviews and booklet regarding Orgreaves parish being altered to be renamed Waverley .We have lived at Orgreaves for many years and don't wish to be merging with Waverley which we have nothing in common and can't even see now that the opencast is being landscaped .Its a insult to the workers who worked at Orgreaves Colliery which means Orgreaves will no longer be recognized .

Regards .

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 20 August 2015 10:27
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Community Governance Review-Orgreave Parish

Dear Sir

I live on St James Walk on the Coalbrook Estate and come under the Orgreave Parish I have lived here myself for 24 years and my partner for 46 and we are concerned that the council are proposing to extend the boundary to include the new Waverley Estate. The existing Parish council have served this community well for many years and have kept us informed of any issues good or bad either by the Newsletter that is distributed or, by word of mouth, as all of our councillors are local to our community the upkeep and wellbeing of this community matters to them very much. Not too long ago a survey was done to ask the people that were liveing on The Waverley what were their thoughts on joining our parish and some of their replies were not reprintable they couldn't care less and did not know our community even existed. This worries me very much if the proposed change of boundery was to go ahead why would we want to share a community with people that care so little about it's surroundings and it's neighbours? Myself and my partner therefore wish it to be known that we firmly believe the area of this parish should remain as it is.

Yours Sincerely

Fletcher, Stuart

From:
Sent: 07 September 2015 16:54
To: Fletcher, Stuart
Subject: Waverley Parish council review

Hello I am a resident of Waverley and would be keen to hear about the proposed realignment of parish boundaries.

Could you please email me further information or perhaps we can speak on the subject?

Thank you