

Council Report

Council - 23 May 2018

Title

Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish Council – Final Recommendations

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Not applicable

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Ward(s) Affected

Rother Vale, Brinsworth & Catcliffe

Executive Summary

At its meeting on 13th December 2017 Council received a report on the Community Governance Review for Orgreave which had commenced in June 2015. Council agreed modified terms of reference for the review and for there to be further consultation. This report sets out the results of the consultation exercise, which finished on 16 April 2018, and makes recommendations as to the outcome of the Community Governance Review.

Recommendations

- 1 That Council makes the following Final Recommendations for the purposes of Part 4 Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007:
 - 1.1 A new parish, comprising the Waverley North and Waverley South polling districts shall be constituted and:
 - The name of the new parish should be Waverley.
 - The new parish shall have the alternative style of Community.

- The Waverley North polling district shall cease to be part of the existing parish of Catcliffe and shall become part of the parish of Waverley.
 - The Waverley South polling district shall cease to be part of the existing parish of Orgreave and shall become part of the parish of Waverley.
 - There shall be a parish council for the parish of Waverley with 7 members.
 - The altered parish of Orgreave shall continue to have the name “Orgreave”, shall continue to have a parish council with 7 members and shall not be divided into wards.
 - The altered parish of Catcliffe shall continue to have the name “Catcliffe”, shall continue to have a parish council with 9 members and shall continue to not be divided into wards.
 - The election of all parish councillors for the parishes of Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley shall be held on 2 May 2019.
 - The term of office of every parish councillor elected on 2 May 2019 for the parishes of Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley shall be five years.
- 2 That the Assistant Director for Legal Services shall apply to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for consent to the Final Recommendations in so far as they related to “protected electoral arrangements” for the purposes of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
 - 3 That if consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is forthcoming, to authorise the Assistant Director for Legal Services to publicise the Final Recommendations in accordance with Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
 - 4 That a further report be brought to Council to advise Council on the decision of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and to seek Council’s approval of the Reorganisation of Community Governance Order required to bring the Final Recommendations into effect.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Summary and Analysis of Consultation Responses
- Appendix 2 Consultation responses from local representative bodies
- Appendix 3 List of Consultees
- Appendix 4 Maps showing the Options
- Appendix 5 Leaflet delivered to homes and businesses in Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley

Background Papers

Report to the meeting of Council on 3rd June, 2015 - “Community Governance Review Orgreave Parish”

Report to the meeting of Council on 13th December, 2017 – “Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish Council”

Guidance on Community Governance Reviews [Department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, March 2010]

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Community Governance Review - Orgreave Parish Council

Review of the Constitution

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 - iii. The Waverley North polling district shall cease to be part of the existing parish of Catcliffe and shall become part of the parish of Waverley.
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 - v. There shall be a parish council for the parish of Waverley with 7 members.
 - vi. The altered parish of Orgreave shall continue to have the name “Orgreave”, shall continue to have a parish council with 7 members and shall not be divided into wards.
 - vii. The altered parish of Catcliffe shall continue to have the name “Catcliffe”, shall continue to have a parish council with 9 members and shall continue to not be divided into wards.
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2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3 June 2015 Council received a report following the submission of a petition from Orgreave Parish Council requesting a community governance review to alter the boundary of the Parish Council to cover only the settlement of Orgreave and the creation of a new parish council to cover the remainder of the current area of Orgreave Parish Council, which would include the southern part of the Waverley settlement. Council agreed that a community governance review should be undertaken, approved the terms of reference of the review and resolved that a further report be submitted with the results of the consultation exercise.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 13 December 2017 Council received a further report which confirmed that a consultation exercise had taken place in 2015 but that no further report had then been submitted to Council. There has been significant new housing development on the Waverley site since 2015 and the report summarised the consultation responses received in 2015, outlined the various current proposals and recommended the modification of the terms of reference and that further consultation take place before a final decision was taken on a community governance review. Council agreed the recommendations in the report and the further consultation has now been completed and this report seeks a decision on an outcome of the review.
- 2.3 The issue which has prompted a community governance review is whether the continued expansion of the Waverley settlement and the increasing numbers of residents living there warrant changes to the arrangements for parish councils in that area. At present the Waverley settlement is split between the parishes of Orgreave and Catcliffe by a boundary which does not relate to any features on the ground.

3. The 2018 Consultation Responses

- 3.1 Following the decision of Council at its meeting on 13 December 2017 a consultation exercise took place between 15 January 2018 and 16 April 2018. At Appendix 1 is a detailed summary and analysis of the consultation responses. The consultees included people living in Orgreave, Catcliffe and Waverley together with Orgreave Parish Council, Catcliffe Parish Council and the Waverley Residents Association.
- 3.2 All households in Orgreave, Catcliffe and Waverley received a leaflet from the Council setting out the options and inviting responses. Drop-in sessions were held in Orgreave, Waverley and Catcliffe. Businesses, public sector partners and voluntary and community sector organisations were also consulted together with Ward Members and Members of Parliament. Materials were also published on the Council's website with the facility for people to submit an electronic response.
- 3.3 The four options upon which people and organisations were consulted were:
 - 3.3.1 No change to the existing parish arrangements.

- 3.3.2 Reducing the existing parish of Orgreave to cover only the settlement of Orgreave, and to create a new parish to cover the southern part of the Waverley settlement. This option was proposed in the original petition.
- 3.3.3 Creating a new parish for the whole of the Waverley settlement. The parish of Orgreave would then cover only the settlement of Orgreave and the parish of Catcliffe would cover only the settlement of Catcliffe.
- 3.3.4 Creating a new area covering the whole of the Waverley settlement without a parish council. The parish of Orgreave would then cover only the settlement of Orgreave and the parish of Catcliffe would cover only the settlement of Catcliffe.

The options were set out in plans based upon the current polling district boundaries for Orgreave, Waverley South, Waverley North and Catcliffe.

3.4 The consultation responses are summarised and analysed in detail at Appendix 1. By way of summary:

3.4.1 Orgreave Parish Council's formal consultation response is included in Appendix 2. The Parish Council wrote to all residents living in the parish of Orgreave, which comprises the Orgreave polling district and the Waverley South polling district. The Parish Council provided information to the residents together with a response form and urged residents to oppose the option of no change to the community governance arrangements and to choose between Options 2, 3 and 4 [as set out at section 3.3 above]. The Parish Council's position is that it is for local people to choose between options 2, 3 and 4 but it supports the creation of a new parish for the Waverley settlement [Option 3] and restated its view that:

- There is no synergy between the community of Orgreave and the new, ever expanding, housing development within Waverley
- There is no defined boundary between the parishes of Orgreave and Catcliffe
- There are no direct transport links between Orgreave and Waverley
- There are no social activities joining the two areas (play groups, coffee mornings etc)

The Parish Council also referred to the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations (now set out in the Rotherham (Electoral Changes) Order 2018) which divides the parish of Orgreave into two wards with effect from the 2020 parish elections, a Waverley ward with 5 councillors and an Orgreave ward with 2 councillors. This reflects the division of the parish between two new Borough Council wards.

3.4.2 Catcliffe Parish Council's formal consultation response is included in Appendix 2. The Parish Council do not wish there to be any change to the boundary of their parish, which includes the Waverley North polling district. They support either Option 1 (no change) or Option 2 (a separate parish for South Waverley and a smaller parish of Orgreave).

3.4.3 The Waverley Residents Association's formal consultation response stated that Waverley should not be divided by parish boundaries and supported Options 3 and 4 (a parish for the whole of Waverley or for Waverley to become an unparished area) with the choice to be left to local residents.

3.4.4 A total of 394 responses were received from members of the public and these were received as follows:

- 311 responses via the forms circulated by Orgreave Parish Council
- 50 responses via the on-line consultation
- 13 responses via forms submitted at the Drop-In sessions
- 20 responses via email

This is an encouraging level of response given the size of the communities and that only 16 responses were received in the original consultation in 2015. 11.5 per cent of all adults in the area affected by the Options responded. However there was a marked disparity in the rates of response across the three settlements. The response rate in Orgreave was 46 per cent, in Waverley 8.7 per cent and in Catcliffe only 0.6 per cent. This reflects the efforts made by Orgreave Parish Council in engaging local people in Orgreave and South Waverley.

3.4.5 The table below summarises the responses and the preferred options:

Communities and Responses			Support expressed for:			
Community	Electors	Responses	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Catcliffe	1,524	9	5	2	2	
Orgreave	582	270	1	42	179	13
Waverley	1,276	111	1		84	26
Other		4			3	1
Total	3,382	394	7	44	268	40
Percentage of preferences*			1.9%	12.2%	74.7%	11.1%

* 359 people expressed a clear preference for an option and 35 people did not. The latter either only expressed opposition to Option 1, had no preference between Options 2,3 and 4 or were opposed to all options

3.4.6 There was a clear preference for Option 3 (a new parish for Waverley) with hardly any respondents supporting Option 1 (no change). Most of those supporting no change were from Catcliffe although very few people from Catcliffe responded and not all supported no change. 76 per cent of Orgreave and Waverley respondents who expressed a preference supported Option 3. Option 2 (a new parish for Waverley South and a reduced parish for Orgreave) was mainly supported by a minority of Orgreave respondents whilst the majority who supported Option 4 (Waverley to be an unparished area) were from Waverley. 99 per cent of Waverley residents who responded supported change and over three times as many wanted a new parish council for Waverley (Option 3) than for Waverley to become an unparished area (Option 4). More detailed analysis is set out in Appendix 1.

4 Key Issues

4.1 In making its Final Recommendations the Council must have regard to the statutory criteria set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, namely the need to secure that community governance in the area under review, in this case Orgreave, Waverley and Catcliffe:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- Is effective and convenient.

4.2 The Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in March 2010) [the Guidance] requires consideration to be given to:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion;
- The size, population and boundaries of the local community or parish

4.3 The Guidance includes the following:

In considering this guidance, the impact on community cohesion is linked specifically to the identities and interests of local communities. Size, population and boundaries are linked to both but perhaps more specifically to community governance being effective and convenient.

and

Community cohesion is about local communities where people should feel they have a stake in the society, and in the local area where they live by having the opportunity to influence decisions affecting their lives. This may include what type of community governance arrangements they want in their local area.

and

The general rule should be that the parish is based on an area which reflects community identity and interest and which is of a size which is viable as an administrative unit of local government. This is generally because of the representative nature of parish councils and the need for them to reflect closely the identity of their communities. It is desirable that any recommendations should be for parishes or groups of parishes with a population of a sufficient size to adequately represent their communities and to justify the establishment of a parish council in each. [...]

and

As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable. For instance, factors to consider include parks and recreation grounds which sometimes provide natural breaks between communities but they can equally act as focal points. A single community would be unlikely to straddle a river where there are no crossing points, or a large area of moor land or marshland. Another example might be where a community appeared to be divided by a motorway (unless connected by walkways at each end). Whatever boundaries are selected they need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable.

- 4.4 The current arrangement, with the settlement of Waverley split between the parishes of Orgreave and Catcliffe, means that the boundaries between parishes do not reflect the situation on the ground as the settlement of Waverley continues to grow. The consultation responses suggest a strong community identity for the settlement of Orgreave but with little affinity between those living in Orgreave and those living in Waverley South. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s final recommendations are that the settlements of Orgreave and Waverley should be in different Borough Council wards, which tends to confirm that view.
- 4.5 Similarly the responses from those residents of Waverley who responded suggest that there is a community identity for Waverley which does not extend to the settlement of Catcliffe. Those residents who supported a new parish for Waverley and those who supported Waverley becoming unparished both indicate desire for a separate identify for Waverley. The nature of Waverley as a new, planned community would reinforce that identity.
- 4.6 The number of electors in the relevant polling districts, as at December 2017, are:

Waverley North and Waverley South	1211
Orgreave	584
Catcliffe	1541

The numbers of electors in Waverley exceeds 1000 and this means that any Final Recommendations for a new parish for Waverley must include a recommendation for there to be a parish council.

4.7 In deciding what Final Recommendations to make the Council must take into account any other arrangements (apart from those relating to parishes and their institutions) –

- that have already been made, or
- that could be made,

for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in respect of the area under review.

4.8 The residents of Waverley are members of a not-for-profit management company which is responsible for the public areas of the Waverley site and its role includes inspecting, maintaining, cleaning and landscaping those areas. The management company collects an annual service charge [which cannot exceed £175 pa until January 2022] from each household.

4.9 There is a Waverley Resident Association whose stated purpose is to give local residents a voice regarding future development of the site.

5. Electoral and Other Arrangements for Any New Parish

5.1 If Final Recommendations are made which include the creation of a new parish or the alteration of the areas of existing parishes it would also be necessary to make recommendations for electoral arrangements, which would include:

- The ordinary year of election – the year in which ordinary elections of parish councillors are to be held
- Council Size – the number of councillors to be elected to the parish council. Parish Councils must have at least 5 members but there is no upper limit.
- Parish Warding – whether the parish should be divided into wards for the purpose of electing councillors. This includes considering the number and boundaries of any such wards, the number of councillors to be elected for any such ward and the name of any such ward.

5.2 During the consultation period representations were received about electoral arrangements from the Waverley Residents Association whose views, as set out in full in Appendix 2, were that:

- Any new parish for Waverley should not be warded.
- 7 would be the right number of councillors for any parish council for Waverley at present.

At present Orgreave Parish Council has 7 members and Catcliffe Parish Council has 9 members. Neither parish is currently warded but in the absence of any changes to community governance before 2020, Orgreave will become warded as set out in section 6 below. If the Council is minded to create a new parish council it is required to consider whether:

- the number, or distribution, of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient; and
- whether it is desirable that any area or areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council.

- 5.3 Given the views of the Waverley Residents Association, and the compact and homogenous nature of the Waverley settlement, it is suggested that any new parish for Waverley should not be warded and should have 7 members.
- 5.4 If the Final Recommendations provide for a new parish for Waverley then a decision is also required as to when the new arrangements are to take effect, with the two main options being 1 April 2020, to align with the May 2020 parish elections, or 1 April 2019, to take effect as soon as practicable with parish elections for Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley in May 2019. The latter would require the terms of councillors elected in May 2019 to be extended to 5 years rather than the usual 4 to align them with the 2024 parish elections, to avoid members of the parish councils being elected for a term of only one year. Given the significant number of consultation responses and the lack of support for the current arrangements for community governance it is suggested that any new arrangements should take effect on 1 April 2019.
- 5.5 If the Final Recommendations provide for a new parish for Waverley then a further decision is also required as to the name and style of the new parish. No consultation responses have been received referring to the Waverley settlement by another name and it is therefore suggested that any new parish be called "Waverley". Informal discussions with Waverley Residents Association have suggested that, if there is to be a new parish, the style of any new parish should be "Community" to reflect the nature of the Waverley settlement as a new community. "Community" is one of the alternative styles for a parish together with "Neighbourhood" and "Village". This would mean that any new parish council would be known as "Waverley Community Council".
- 5.6 If the Final Recommendations provide for a new parish for Waverley then a further decision is required as to whether the names of the current parishes of Catcliffe and Orgreave should be changed, whether those parishes should continue to have a council and whether the parishes should be warded. Given that the two parishes were in existence prior to the settlement of Waverley it is suggested that the two parishes continue to have the same names, continue to have parish councils, and continue to have their current number of members. As set out in section 6 below, the parish of Orgreave would become warded in 2020 but the Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommendation for that warding was based on the assumption that the parish of Orgreave would continue to include the Waverley South polling district.

6. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)

6.1 The LGBCE's final recommendations following its electoral review of Rotherham were published on 31 October 2017 and were implemented by the Rotherham (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 ["the 2018 Order"] and will take effect in 2020. Those new arrangements include the warding of the parish of Orgreave to create an Orgreave Ward with 2 councillors and a Waverley Ward with 5 councillors. The arrangements also transfer the Orgreave polling district, from the current Rother Vale Ward to the new Aughton and Swallownest Ward while the Waverley settlement would form part of the new Rother Vale ward. One of the considerations the LGBCE takes into account is the need to reflect community identity and their recommendations suggest that they saw Orgreave's community identity as lying with Aughton and Swallownest rather than with Waverley in Rother Vale.

6.2 In their final recommendations the LGBCE noted

Some respondents commenting on the Waverley area asked us to halt our review so that steps could be taken to bring into effect changes to parish boundaries and the creation of a new parish. We have no power to create parishes or amend their boundaries; that is a matter for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. However, we are not prepared to delay the completion of the review for a matter over which we have no control. We therefore have based our final recommendations having regard to the boundaries of parishes as they currently exist.

6.3 The new warding for the parish of Orgreave is a "protected electoral arrangements" for the purposes of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Any Reorganisation of Community Governance Order cannot include any provision giving effect to any recommendation to change protected electoral arrangements unless the LGBCE agrees to that provision. This means that if Council makes the Final Recommendations proposed in this report consent will be required from LGBCE before an Order implementing them can be made.

7. Options considered and recommended proposal

Option 1

7.1 No change.

This option is not recommended because it has only 1.2 per cent support from those who responded to the consultation. It is one of the options supported by Catcliffe Parish Council.

Option 2

- 7.2 Reducing the existing parish of Orgreave to cover only the settlement of Orgreave, and to create a new parish to cover the southern part of the Waverley settlement. This is as proposed in the original petition.

This option is not recommended because it has only 12.2 per cent support from those who responded to the consultation and no support from the residents of Waverley who responded. It is no longer the preferred option of Orgreave Parish Council and would leave the community of Waverley split between two different parishes. It is one of the options supported by Catcliffe Parish Council.

Option 3A

- 7.3 Creating a new parish for the whole of the Waverley settlement. The parish of Orgreave would then cover only the settlement of Orgreave and the parish of Catcliffe would cover only the settlement of Catcliffe.

This is the recommended option and was supported by 74.7 per cent of those who responded and by 75.7 per cent of Waverley residents who responded. It would provide a new parish for Waverley to reflect the new community.

The creation of a new parish of Waverley would require a new parish council and electoral arrangements as set out at section 5 of this report. It is recommended that those arrangements should be as follows:

- The name of the new parish shall be Waverley
- The new parish shall have the style of “Community” and the Waverley Community Council and shall have 7 members.
- The election of all parish councillors for the parishes of Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley shall be held on 2 May 2019.
- The term of office of every parish councillor elected on 2 May 2019 for the parishes of Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley shall be five years.

The new community governance arrangements would also require confirmation of the names of the altered Catcliffe and Orgreave parishes, whether the parishes should continue to have parish councils and the size and warding arrangements for those councils. For the reasons set out in section 5 of this report it is recommended that:

- The altered parish of Orgreave shall continue to have the name “Orgreave”, shall continue to have a parish council with 7 members and shall not be divided into wards.
- The altered parish of Catcliffe shall continue to have the name “Catcliffe”, shall continue to have a parish council with 9 members and shall continue to not be divided into wards.

Option 3B

- 7.4 This option is the same as Option 3A except that the implementation of the new arrangements is delayed until April 2020 so that the first election to the new parish of Waverley and the altered parishes of Catcliffe and Orgreave is aligned to the next ordinary parish council elections in Rotherham which will take place in May 2020. Newly elected parish councillors would then serve until the subsequent parish council elections in 2024.

This option is not recommended as it would further postpone the implementation of a community governance review commenced in 2015.

The formal recommendation as to election would then be:

- The elections of all parish councillors for the parishes Catcliffe, Orgreave and Waverley shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2020,

Option 4

- 7.5 Creating a new area without a parish council to cover the whole of the Waverley settlement. The parish of Orgreave would then cover only the settlement of Orgreave and the parish of Catcliffe would cover only the settlement of Catcliffe.

This option is not recommended because it has only 11.1 per cent support from those who responded and 23.4 per cent support from Waverley residents who responded. It would also leave the residents of Waverley unrepresented by any parish council.

8. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 8.1 If the recommendations set out above are adopted, consent to the Final Recommendations will be sought from the LGBCE and a further report brought to a meeting of Council to agree the necessary Reorganisation of Community Governance Order.

9. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 9.1 The cost of progressing the review to a conclusion will be met from existing budgets within Legal Services and Neighbourhoods.
- 9.2 The Reorganisation of Community Governance Order must include a calculation of budget requirement for any new parish for the purposes of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008. That figure, set by the Council, then becomes the initial precept for the new parish council.
- 9.3 The cost of parish council elections are normally recharged to the parishes concerned.

10. Legal Implications

- 10.1 The legal issues relating to community governance reviews are set out in the body of the report, in particular Section 4 sets out the statutory criteria to be applied when undertaking a community governance review and the relevant guidance.
- 10.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council, as soon as practicable after making any Final Recommendations, to publish the recommendations and to take such steps as it considers sufficient to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of those recommendations. If the proposed Final Recommendations are adopted that publication will take place as and when the necessary consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to changes to protected electoral arrangements has been obtained.
- 10.3 Once the Council has decided to what extent it will give effect to the Final Recommendations made in a community governance review, there are further steps required. It must publish its decision, the Council's reasons for making that decision and must take such steps as the council considers sufficient to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of that decision and those reasons. These steps will be taken following the further report referred to in the recommendations to this report has been brought to Council.

11. Human Resources Implications

- 11.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

12. Implications for Children and Young People

- 12.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people arising from this report.

13. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

- 13.1 There are no equalities and human rights implications arising from this report.

14. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

- 14.1 There are implications for existing Parish Councils as set out in the body of this report.

15. Risks and Mitigation

- 15.1 If the recommendations are adopted there is the risk of legal challenge from anyone aggrieved by the outcome of the community governance review but that risk is mitigated by the thorough consultation exercise which has been undertaken.

15.2 There is a further risk that, notwithstanding the support from local people for a new parish for Waverley, that as and when elections are held there may be insufficient people willing to stand for election to the new parish council.

16. Accountable Officer(s)

Dermot Pearson, Assistant Director of Legal Services