

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Electoral Review Committee

Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Tuesday 9 January 2024

Time: 10.00 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on Friday 29 December 2023. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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6 Community Governance Review 2023/24 (Pages 3 - 12)

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- Additional Parish Name Change Request – Clyffe Pypard PC

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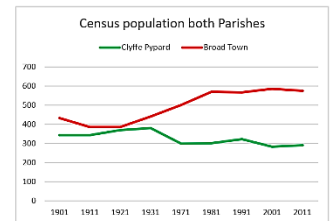
As the present co-owner of both 101 & 103 I would be grateful if you could consider the following points:

According to British History on-line the civil parish of Broad Town was created in 1884 from 714 acres of land donated by the parish of Clyffe Pypard and 1,326 acres of land donated by the parish of Broad Hinton. 101 moved from the parish of Clyffe Pypard to the new parish of Broad Town and 103 remained in the parish of Clyffe Pypard

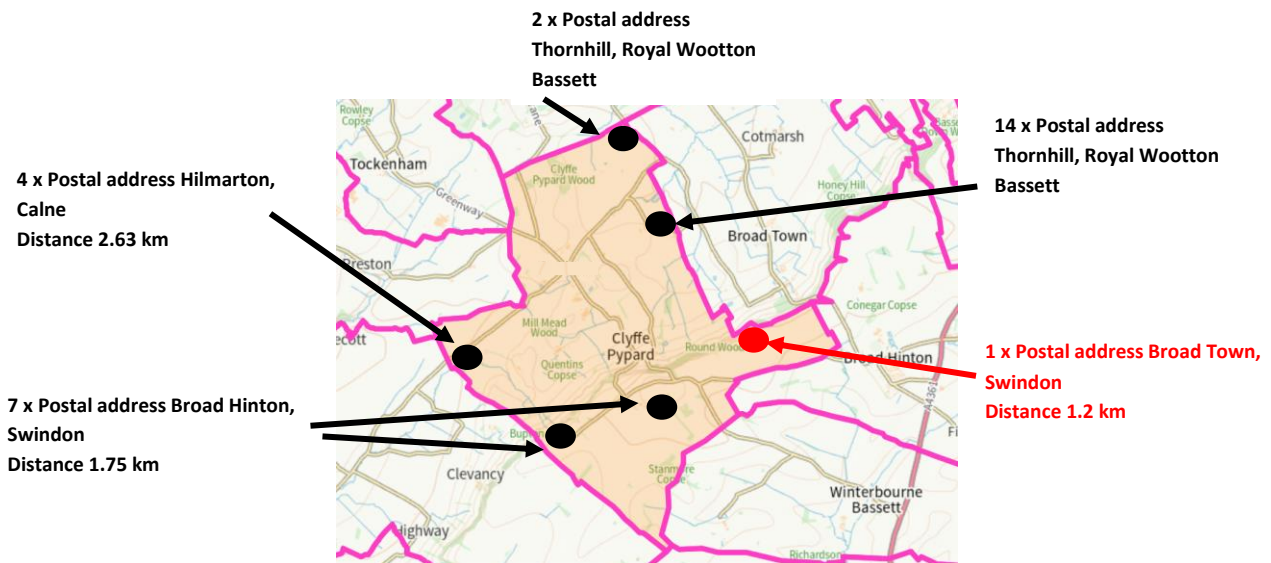
Winding forward to today 101 sits in approx. 2 ½ acres (shown in red below) within the parish of Broad Town (electoral division of Royal Wootton Bassett South & West) and 103 sits in approx. ¼ acre (shown in yellow below) within the Parish of Clyffe Pypard (electoral division of Lyneham). 103 is easily identifiable being bordered to the east & north by the parish boundary on a footpath (shown in blue below) leading from the foot to the top of the steep Clyffe Pypard hangings.



Traditional meeting places in Clyffe Pypard such as pubs/shops etc. are now all closed. Clyffe Pypard is defined as “a village in the countryside where only housing to enable workers to live at or in the immediate vicinity of their place of work in the interests of agriculture or forestry or other employment essential to the countryside” is permitted. Clyffe Pypard has a declining population and low or no prospect of additional housing development. Broad Town has an increasing population, approved additional housing development and additional businesses including the addition of a pub.



As shown in red below 103 is the closest of the 28 other remote addresses to the centre of Clyffe Pypard.



103 is no different to the other 28 addresses in having a different postal address to that of Clyffe Pypard. On this basis I would be grateful if you could consider NOT using postal address as a reason to single out 103 from the other 28 remote addresses scattered at the extremity of the parish.

103 and Clyffe Pypard village share the same rare identity both being away from a main traffic route with an ambience of peace and solitude with little intrusion from the world beyond. Pastime activities such as history, nature walks, plants, calligraphy,

books indicate Clyffe Pypard community's love affair with conservation, rural quiet pursuits and socialising at the WI big breakfast! The main business is still agriculture with mixed, arable, beef and dairy farms working alongside other businesses e.g. a specialist car storage facility, equestrian and several self-catering holiday accommodation businesses.

Comparing the dimensions of both parishes we can see that the parish of Clyffe Pypard is larger than the parish of Broad Town in terms of area. The electorate of Clyffe Pypard is half the electorate of Broad Town. These measurements highlight sparseness as the important characteristic identity of the parish of Clyffe Pypard and the importance of retaining 103 within the parish.

	Size in acres	Acre as %	Projected electorate 2026	Projected electorate 2026 as %	Electorate per acre
Clyffe Pypard	3217	61%	260	33%	0.08
Broad Town	2040	39%	525	67%	0.26

For 40 years I've been actively involved in Clyffe Pypard community groups e.g., running stalls at fetes, newsletter editor, fund raising in the pub, local history, writing a booklet and making teas at plant fairs to raise money for St Peters or simply enjoying socialising. At the request of the Parish Council chairman (via e-mail dated 19 Aug 2021) I spent 2 months liaising with transport planning and converting speeding metrocount data into an easy-to-understand format. When I'm not volunteering my time I give generously to Parish fundraising activities. In a nutshell, I have a strong connection, loyalty and care for the community of Clyffe Pypard. The Neighbourhood Plan survey ([see results to Question 25, 26 & 31](#)) demonstrate that the top two things that the community of Clyffe Pypard feel make a positive difference to the community are both things I have been actively involved in (namely a pub and speed of traffic).

I have acquired approximately the same number of friends/neighbours in both Clyffe Pypard and Broad Town living equidistantly approx. 1km away from each village on foot. I regularly chat to walkers (or neighbours looking for lost dogs) from Clyffe Pypard when I'm gardening.

If as part of this review a recommendation was made to move 103 out of Clyffe Pypard into Broad Town the miniscule change in electorate size would surely not be significant enough to impact either Clyffe Pypard or Broad Town? Given my close connection with the Clyffe Pypard community it would be very sad for me to feel unwanted or lose other Parishioner rights e.g. voting, being buried in St Peters etc. The current boundary is easily identifiable by the footpaths it follows and it isn't clear what other easily identifiable feature could be used to sink a re-routed boundary to. I'm struggling to understand what benefit would be achieved by singling out 103 from the other 28 remote addresses with differing postcodes to move out of the Parish of Clyffe Pypard and I can't see a benefit of the upheaval/inconvenience/cost of having to amend the electoral division from Lyneham to Royal Wootton Bassett South & West for 1 property.

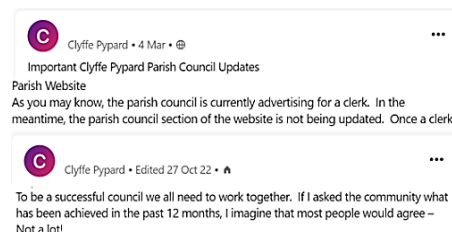
103 has been in the Parish of Clyffe Pypard since the Domesday. The characterful twists and turns seen in isolated rural boundaries is normal and expected especially when the boundary follows the footpath ground feature connecting the foot of the steep escarpment to the clifftop. 103 sits in approx. ¼ acre of land that is clearly on Clyffe Pypard soil and I would like very much for it to remain on Clyffe Pypard soil. The population trend in Clyffe Pypard is down so I would hope Clyffe Pypard would benefit from retaining 103 within the sparsely populated parish it has been in for thousands of years. I have a close connection with the community of Clyffe Pypard and I would be very grateful if you could please consider retaining the existing electoral division with 103 remaining in the parish of Clyffe Pypard and the electoral division of Lyneham.

As an aside, since Jan 2021 there have been 3 changes in chair, 3 changes in Clerk¹ and multi-resignations within the Clyffe Pypard parish council. The position of Clerk/RFO has been unfilled for the last year with updates to the website and future meetings suspended pending the recruitment of a clerk ([Minutes ref 2022/41 & 2022/42](#) and [Minutes 2023/31b](#)). Standards Committee records demonstrate 11 dismissed or no further action complaints just within the last 3 years ([Ref: page 7 Standards Committee Minutes](#)) and the [Monitoring Officer of Wiltshire Council advisory notes](#) plus [Conclusion](#) indicate that the repeated offers of help from the Monitoring Officer of Wiltshire Council were sadly declined by Clyffe Pypard's Parish Council.

As shown in the excerpts opposite Parish Council communication to a limited social media audience can take place, however, this review has not been circulated and not all residents are fans of social media. I only found out about the Community Governance Review from the neighbouring Parish Council's website.

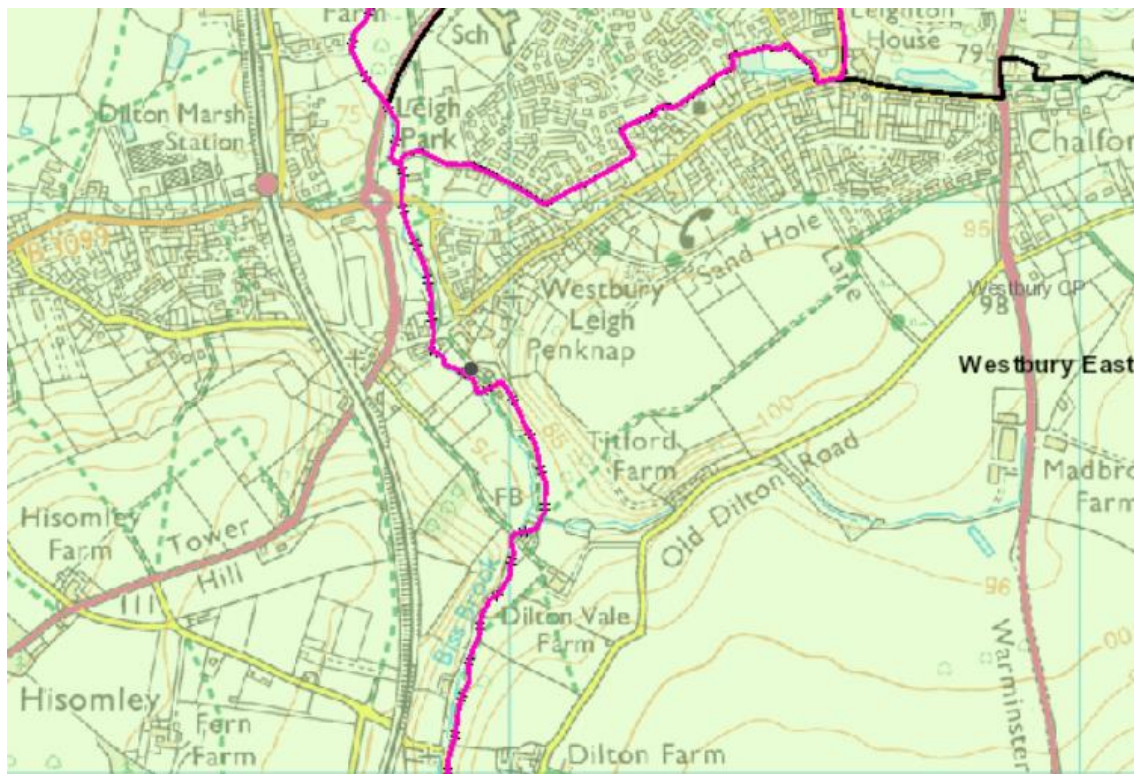
Apologies for writing such a lot and thank you for taking the time to consider the above. In a nutshell,

I disagree with the suggestion to move 103 into Broad Town and I feel the boundary should stay where it is because 103 is the epitome of Clyffe Pypard's deeply rural and peaceful identity. As the current co-owner I am heavily connected with Clyffe Pypard community interest groups and I would expect a future owner (attracted to this type of location) to gravitate to similar local interests. If you can spare the time could the CGR committee also help the governance arrangements of the Clyffe Pypard Parish Council?



01 Elections – Potential Parish and Unitary boundary change

A cosmetic tidy up to follow the stream round the back of the millstream cottages in Westbury East, but would need a change to the parish and unitary boundaries:



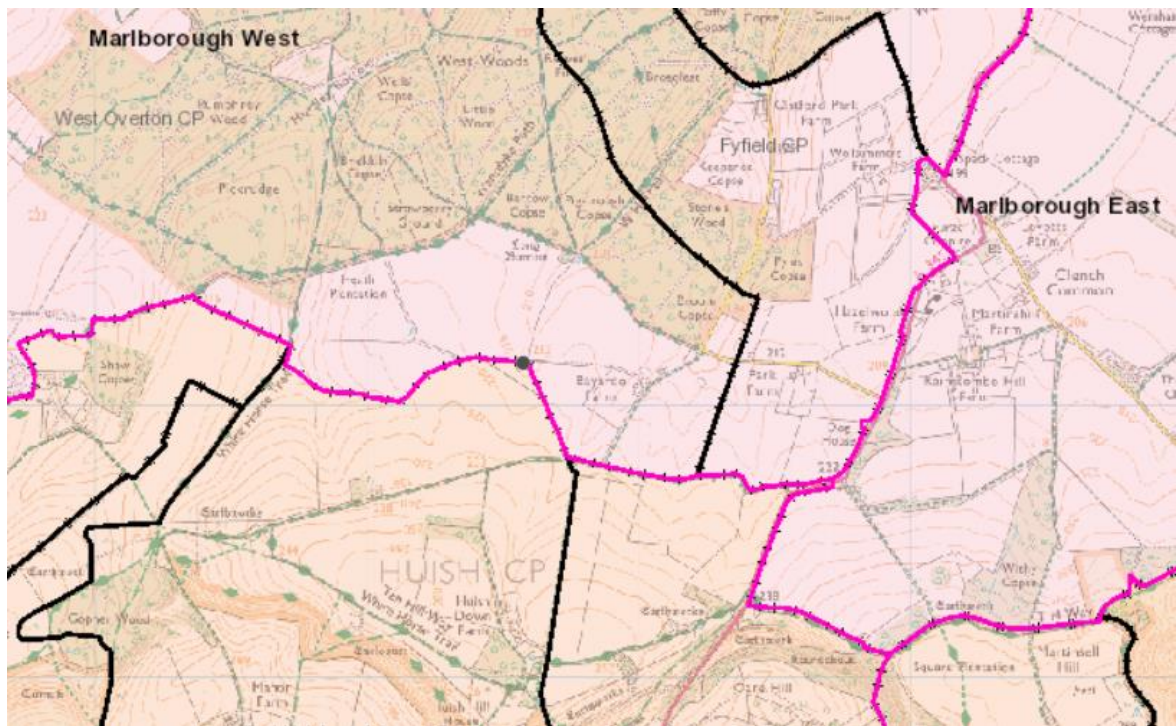


02 Elections – Potential boundary change

This one relates to Wilcot, Huish and Oare, and West Overton, part of Kennet Valley Joint Parish Council (Pewsey Vale West, and Marlborough West).

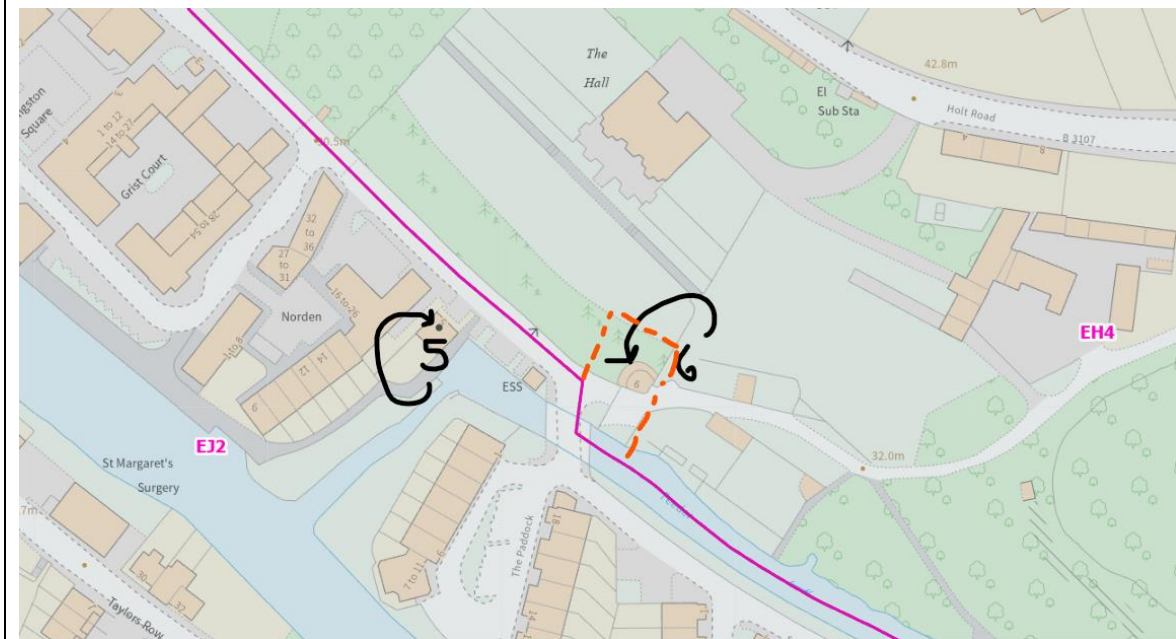
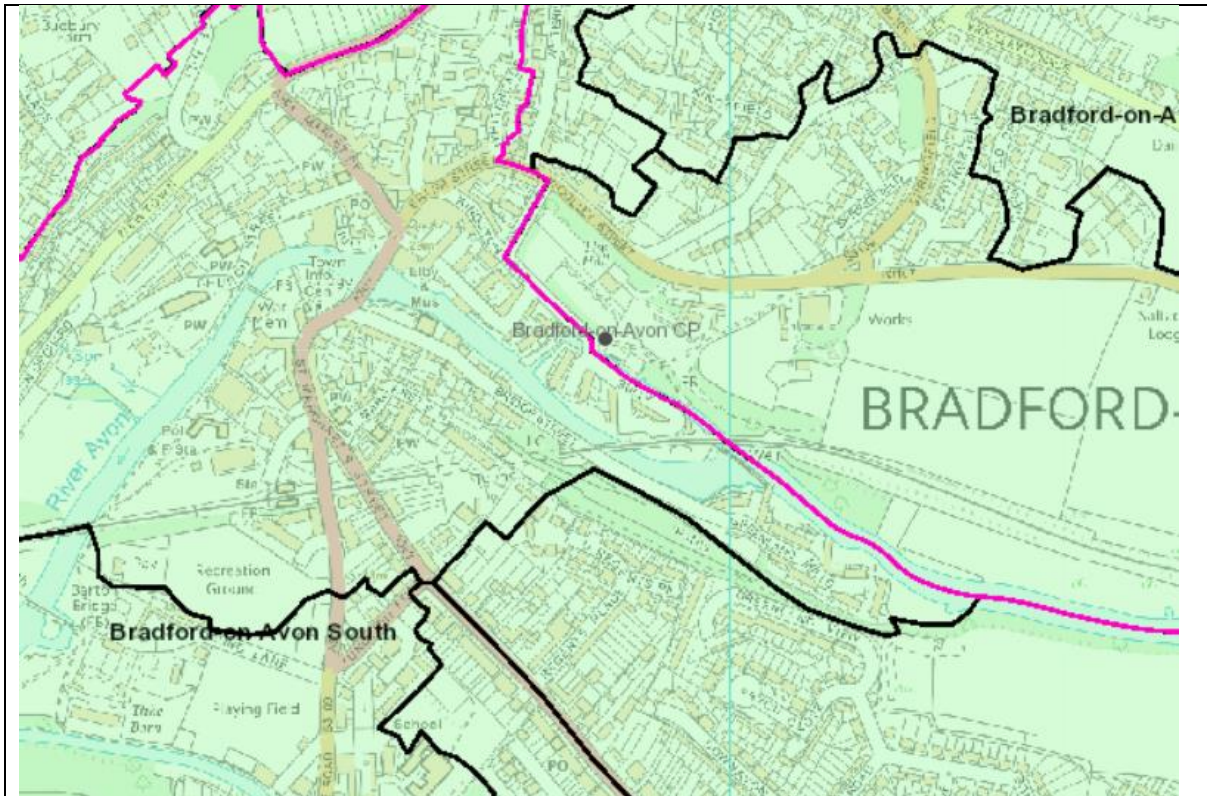
This property is in Wilcott Huish and Oare but very close to parish boundary line and two unitary division boundaries. The address is Heath Cottage, Clench Cottage, Marlborough SN8 4DU

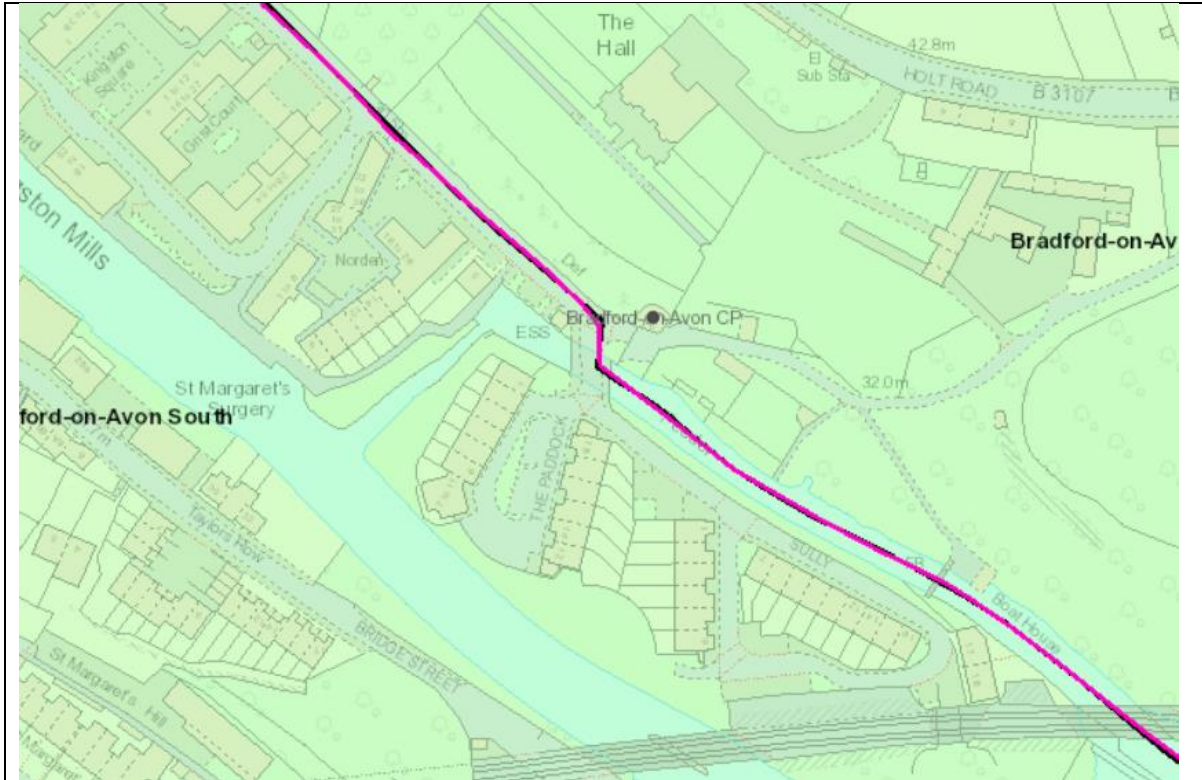




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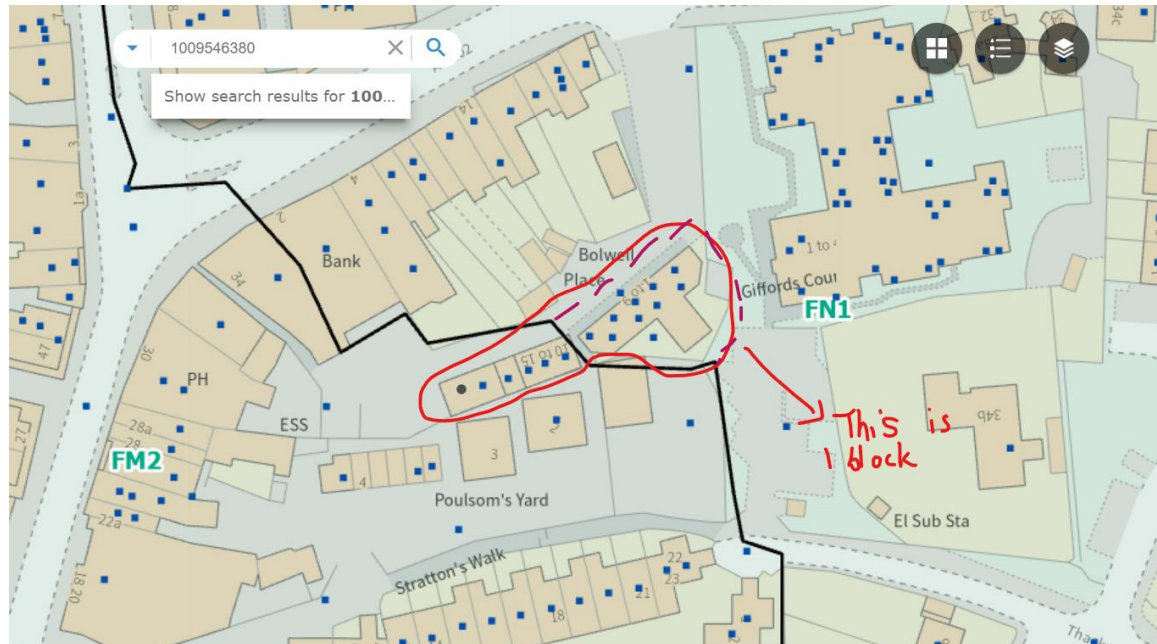
Property address 6 Kingston Road is in Bradford on Avon North but the rest of the properties are in Bradford on Avon South.
(1-5 Kingston road are in EJ2 and 6 Kingston Road is in EH4)

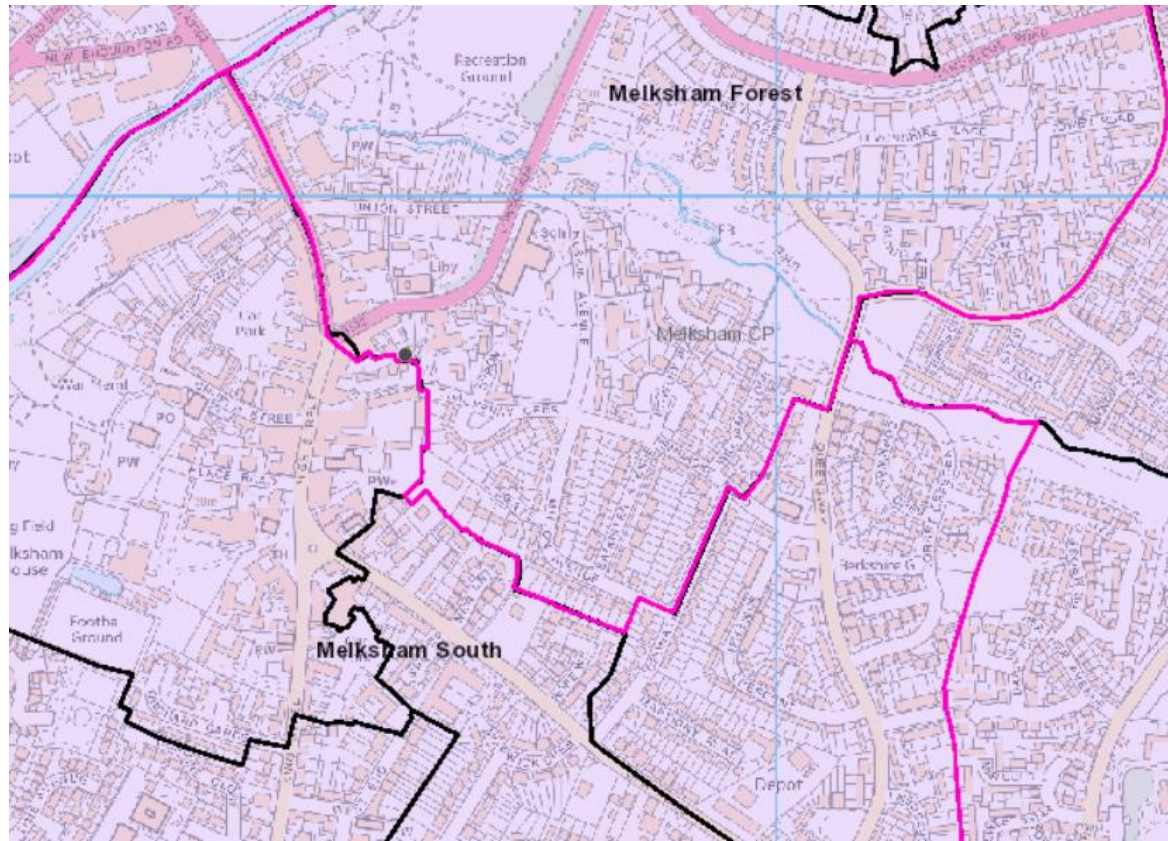
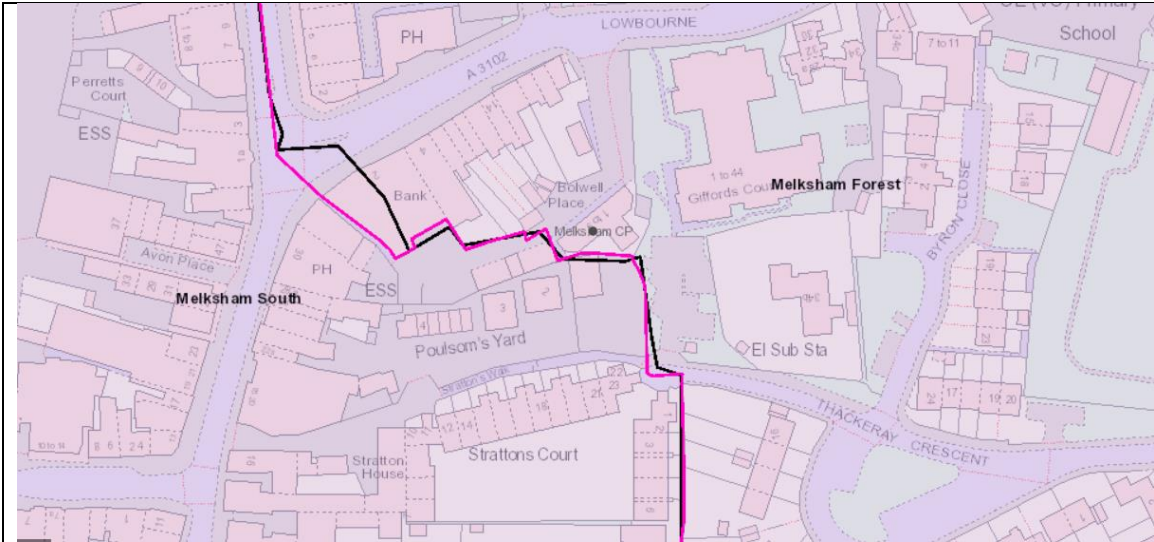




04 Elections – Potential boundary change for town ward and unitary boundaries.

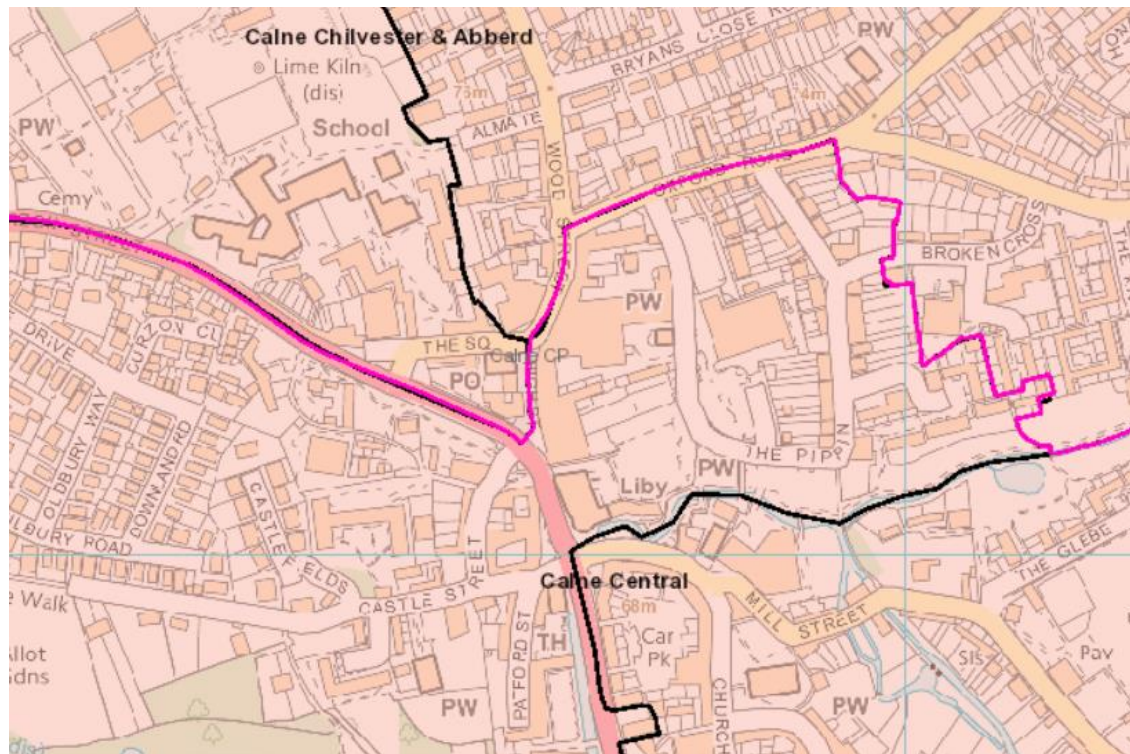
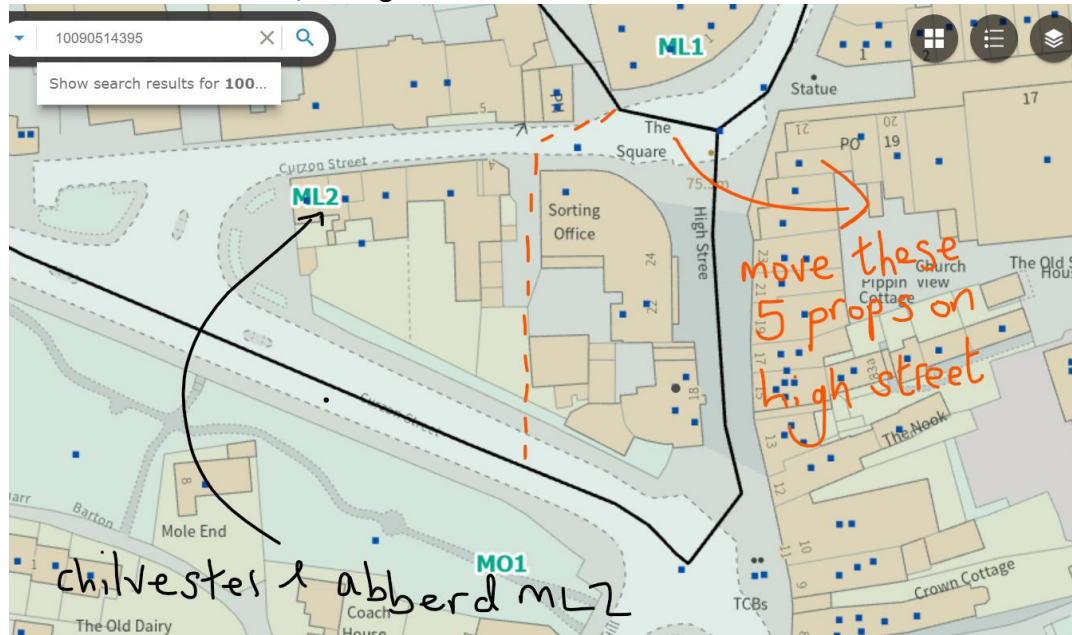
Bolwell Place (block of flats) is split across 2 Parish Wards in Melksham Forest Division. Suggest rectified at next review. Suggest could be in either FM2 or FN1 but that they should be together.

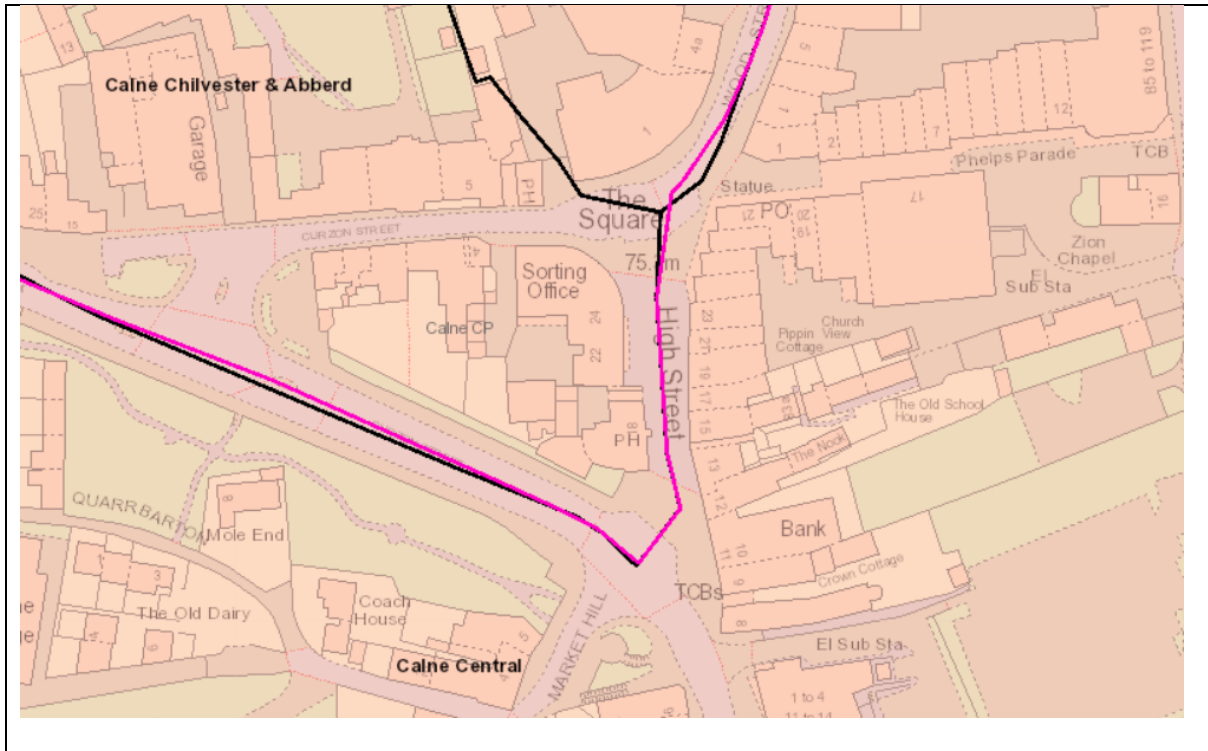




05 Elections – Potential boundary change

Chilvester and Abberd, 18 High street





Agenda Item 7

From: Chris Rickett

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 1:33 PM

To: Alexander, Lisa <Lisa.Alexander@wiltshire.gov.uk>; CGR <CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Cc: Bucknell, Allison

Subject: Community Governance Review - request for parish name change

Dear Ms Alexander.

At the suggestion of our Wiltshire Councillor (Cllr A Bucknell), Clyffe Pypard Parish Council discussed changing the name of the parish to "Clyffe Pypard and Bushton" at our meeting in December. It resolved unanimously to request this change.

I attach the relevant form and would be grateful if this could be included in the community governance review.

When the time comes, we will be pleased to assist in the process of community consultation.

Yours sincerely

Chris Rickett (she)

Chair, Clyffe Pypard Parish Council

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Parish Name Change Request Form

Current Name of Town/City/Parish:

Clyffe Pypard (Parish)

Proposed new name of Town/City/Parish:

Clyffe Pypard and Bushton

Reason for requested change(s):

The parish includes two main settlements: Clyffe Pypard and Bushton. Bushton is the larger settlement, but it is not reflected in the name of the parish. This change was unanimously supported by the parish council.

Date of council resolution(s):

7 December 2023

Proposer signature:

Chris Rickett

Proposer position:

Chair, Clyffe Pypard Parish Council

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