

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 24th JANUARY 2017
 title: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW
 – WARDING PROPOSALS
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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 OFFICER

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The 2nd stage of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's review of Ribble Valley is to respond to the consultation and put forward warding proposals. This report seeks approval for the proposals below.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – A main consideration for Council size is our Governance and decision making arrangements. Retaining 40 Councillors provides efficient and effective representation to the public.
 - Corporate Priorities –
 - Other Considerations - The distribution of the 40 Councillors has been considered - ensuring electoral equality and community representation.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) confirmed, following its meeting on 15th November, that they agreed with the Council's size submission - this being 40 elected members. They also advised that there was some flexibility if, when the Council looked at making its proposals, the Council felt that more or less Councillors would be a better reflection of communities (indicating between 38-42 would be acceptable).
- 2.2 The LGBCE launched the consultation process on 22nd November and this runs until 30th January. The consultation can be found at - <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/north-west/lancashire/ribble-valley>
- 2.3 In order to meet the Commission's submission deadline for our warding proposals, the proposals need to be agreed by this committee.

3 THE PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The Council's Boundary Review working group has met several times and recognised that changes are required in order to gain electoral equality across the borough (see Appendix A for minutes of the working group). Some wards are already outside the +/- 10% variance and other wards will be by 2022 following expected development. The electoral forecast for 2022 is 48,027 which equates to 1,201 electors per Councillor (currently 1136).
- 3.2 The current warding structure of the Borough is set out below:-

Ward	Number of Members
Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	1
Alston and Hothersall	2
Billington and Old Langho	2
Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	1
Chatburn	1
Chipping	1

Ward	Number of Members
Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	2
Derby and Thornley	2
Dilworth	2
Edisford and Low Moor	2
Gisburn, Rimington	1
Langho	2
Littlemoor	2
Mellor	2
Primrose	2
Read and Simonstone	2
Ribchester	1
Sabden	1
Salthill	2
St Mary's	2
Waddington and West Bradford	2
Whalley	2
Wilpshire	2
Wiswell and Pendleton	1

- 3.3 The working group has reviewed the wards, with support from officers, and now makes the following proposals.
- 3.4 Having considered the forecast electorate and warding it is recommended that remaining with 40 Councillors would provide efficient and effective representation to the public and best enable appropriate warding proposals. Calculations based on alternative numbers of Councillors, for example 41, didn't work across the borough and in some wards created even bigger variances.
- 3.5 The review started by looking at the wards at the outermost edges of the borough in the north east and south west of the borough - as there is less scope for changes to boundaries in these areas due to being surrounded by other boroughs. The following information is provided to illustrate the working group's considerations for each area.

Mellor

- 3.6 The ward forecast produces a future variance of -12%. Adding the Osbaldeston area to the ward reduces the variance to -6%. The other option would be to add Ramsgreave, but this would make the new ward too big. It is proposed to add Osbaldeston to the current Mellor ward, retaining 2 members.

Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave and Wilpshire

- 3.7 Removing Osbaldeston from the Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave ward creates a forecast electorate too small for 2 members. Removing Ramsgreave and joining it with Wilpshire (renamed Wilpshire and Ramsgreave) creates a 2 member ward with a variance of 8% and leaves a renamed Clayton-le-Dale and Salesbury, a 1 member ward with a variance of 3%.

Read and Simonstone

- 3.8 The forecast produces a future variance of -18% in this ward. To reduce this variance, maintaining a 2 member ward, the only option is to add some electors from either of the two neighbouring wards. It is proposed that 75 electors are added from the Portfield Bar area of the Whalley ward (see Map A). This has the effect of reducing the variance to -15%. Options are limited in this area to further reduce the variance.

Chatburn

- 3.9 The forecast produces a future variance of -15% in this ward. It is proposed that Mearley and Worston are added to reduce the variance to -8%. The two areas naturally fit with Chatburn, Downham and Twiston.

Wiswell and Pendleton

- 3.10 Removing Mearley and Worston from the current Wiswell and Pendleton ward reduces the number of forecasted electors to 1882. This is too many for a 1 member ward and too few for a 2 member ward. It was noted that the ward boundary goes through the middle of the proposed Barrowlands development. It is therefore suggested that a more natural boundary between the wards of Whalley and Barrow would be the A59. Therefore it is proposed that 410 electors are added to Barrow from Whalley to create a 2 member ward (renamed Wiswell and Barrow) with a variance of -5%.

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley

- 3.11 It was considered reasonable to put Mitton and Little Mitton with the rest of the Bashall Eaves and Mitton Parish. By also adding Waddington and Bowland Forest LD to Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley a 2 member ward could be created. However, the working group felt there was an opportunity to create 2 new single member wards. These being Waddington, Bashall Eaves and Mitton (with a 2% variance) and Hurst Green and Whitewell which would incorporate Hurst Green/Stonyhurst, Chaigley, Dutton and Bowland Forest LD (with a -9% variance).

Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn

- 3.12 The forecast for the current ward produces a future variance of -14%. The removal of Bowland Forest LD increases this variance. It is proposed that Sawley joins with Bolton-by-Bowland, Newton-In-Bowland, Easington and Slaidburn to create a 1 member ward (renamed Bowland) with a variance of -2%.

Waddington and West Bradford

- 3.13 It is proposed that by removing Waddington and Sawley from Waddington and West Bradford a new single member ward of Grindleton and West Bradford is created with a variance of 3%.

Langho and Billington and Old Langho

- 3.14 The forecast produces a future variance of -25% for Langho. It is proposed to put Dinckley and Brockhall and Old Langho together to create a 1 member ward with a variance -7% (renamed Brockhall and Dinckley). This leaves Billington and Langho with a forecast electorate of 3182, which is too large for a 2 member ward. Taking into consideration the reduced electorate of the altered Whalley area it was considered reasonable to add some of the Billington area (the area south east of the railway line around Painter Wood) to Whalley which has the result of reducing the forecast electorate to create a 2 member ward (renamed Billington and Langho) (see Map B).

Whalley

- 3.15 Removing the area around Portfield Bar, Mitton and Little Mitton, and the area around the Eagle at Barrow from the Whalley ward and adding the Painter Wood area from Billington and Old Langho creates a ward electorate around 3687. This equates to 3 elected members. Consideration was given to the best way distribute 3 members to the ward – ie a 3 member ward or to split Whalley in to 3 single member wards. Pros and cons for each approach were discussed by the working group and the decision was made to propose a new single member ward to be called Whalley Nethertown. This would cover the area west of the railway line incorporating Nethertown and Calderstones. The remainder of the Whalley area would be a 2 member ward (renamed Whalley and Painter Wood) (see Map A).

Clitheroe

- 3.16 The 5 wards of Clitheroe, being Edisford and Low Moor, Littlemoor, Primrose, Salthill and St Mary's, were considered by the working group as a whole as they make-up Clitheroe Town Council.

- 3.17 The group considered that some change was inevitable as two of the wards have a forecast electorate greater than the 10% variance – Edisford and Low Moor (11%), and Primrose (19%). Littlemoor ward is also likely to see further growth due to future development on the Standen site (beyond the 6 year scope of this review).
- 3.18 To reduce the large variance in the Primrose ward it is necessary to add some electors to either of the neighbouring wards. It is therefore proposed that area C moves to the Littlemoor ward and area B moves to the Edisford and Low Moor ward. This reduces the variance in the Primrose ward to a more acceptable 10%, but has the effect of raising variances in these 2 wards and necessitates moving some electors into the 2 remaining wards which are forecasted to have lower variances. Therefore it is proposed that area A moves from Edisford and Low Moor in to St Mary's, which creates variances of 5% and 10% respectively, and area D is proposed to move from Littlemoor to Salthill, creating variances of 1% and 3% respectively.(see Map C).

Remaining wards

- 3.19 It is recommended that there are no changes made to the following wards as the forecast electorate is within the tolerance range – see table below.

Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Gisburn, Rimington	SK1	Gisburn	Gisburn	1115	1	-7%
	SK2	Horton	Horton			
	SL1	Middop	Rimington and Middop			
	SL2	Rimington	Rimington and Middop			
	SM1	Newsholme	Newsholme			
	SM2	Paythorne	Paythorne			
	SE	Gisburn Forest	Gisburn Forest			
Sabden	CJ	Sabden	Sabden	1164	1	-3%
Alston and Hothersall	CG	Alston	Longridge TC	2168	2	-10%
	CX1	Hothersall				
Ribchester	CX2	Ribchester	Ribchester	1192	1	-1%
Dilworth	CH1	Dilworth	Longridge TC	2192	2	-9%
Derby and Thornley	CH2	Derby	Longridge TC	2487	2	4%
	CN	Thornley	Thornley with Wheatley			
Chipping	SG	Bowland Forest HD	Forest of Bowland HD	1170	1	-3%
	CM1	Bowland	Bowland with Leagram			
	CM2	Leagram	Bowland with Leagram			
	CM3	Chipping	Chipping			

- 3.20 Below is a summary of the proposed changes to existing wards, which can also be seen on Map D.

New Ward	Old Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Wiswell and Barrow	Wiswell and Pendleton	CQ	Barraclough	Pendleton	2292	2	-5%
		CR	Pendleton	Pendleton			
		CS	Wiswell	Wiswell			
		CT1	Barrow	Barrow			
	Whalley		Area around Eagle at Barrow, Lamb Roe, and Barrowlands	Whalley			
Chatburn	Chatburn	CO	Chatburn	Chatburn	1104	1	-8%
		CP1	Downham	Downham			
		CP2	Twiston	Twiston			
	Wiswell and Pendleton	CU1	Mearley	Mearley			
		CU2	Worston	Worston			
Grindleton and West Bradford	Waddington and West Bradford	SN	Grindleton 1	Grindleton	1237	1	3%
		SO	Grindleton 2	Grindleton			
		SP	West Bradford	West Bradford			
Hurst Green and Whitewell	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	CK	Hurst Green/ Stonyhurst	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	1089	1	-9%
		CL	Chaigley	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley			
		CW	Dutton	Dutton			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SH	Bowland Forest LD	Forest of Bowland LD			
Waddington, Bashall Eaves and Mitton	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley	SA	Bashall Eaves	Bashall Eaves and Mitton	1228	1	2%
	Whalley	SB	Mitton	Bashall Eaves and Mitton			
	Waddington and West Bradford	SC	Waddington	Waddington			
	Whalley	CT2	Little Mitton	Bashall Eaves and Mitton			
Brockhall and Dinckley	Billington and Old Langho	DK	Brockhall and Old Langho	Billington and Langho	1116	1	-7%
	Langho	DG	Dinckley	Dinckley			
Billington and Langho	Billington and Old Langho	DE	Billington	Billington and Langho	2662	2	11%
	Langho	DF	Langho	Billington and Langho			
Clayton-le-Dale and Salesbury	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DH	Clayon-le-Dale	Clayton-le-Dale	1236	1	3%
		DI	Salesbury	Salesbury			

New Ward	Old Ward	Polling District Reference	Area Name	Parish	Forecast Ward Electorate	Number of Members	Variance
Mellor	Mellor	DA	Balderstone	Balderstone	2257	2	-6%
	Mellor	DB	Mellor	Mellor			
	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DC	Osbaldeston	Osbaldeston			
Wilpshire and Ramsgreave	Wilpshire	DJ	Wilpshire	Wilpshire	2586	2	8%
	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	DD	Ramsgreave	Ramsgreave			
Read and Simonstone	Read and Simonstone	CY	Simonstone	Simonstone	2053	2	-15%
		CI	Read	Read			
	Whalley		Area around Portfield Bar	Whalley			
Whalley Nethertown	Whalley	CV	Nethertown	Whalley	1310	1	9%
Whalley and Painter Wood	Whalley	CV	Whalley	Whalley	2377	2	-1%
	Billington and Old Langho		Area around Painter Wood and Whalley Road up to railway line	Billington and Langho			
Edisford and Low Moor	Edisford and Low Moor	CA	Edisford	Clitheroe TC	2529	2	5%
		CB	Low Moor	Clitheroe TC			
Littlemoor	Littlemoor	CE	Littlemoor	Clitheroe TC	2427	2	1%
Primrose	Primrose	CF	Primrose	Clitheroe TC	2644	2	10%
Salthill	Salthill	CD	Salthill	Clitheroe TC	2463	2	3%
St Mary's	St Mary's	CC	St Mary's	Clitheroe TC	2639	2	10%
Bowland	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SD	Bolton-by-Bowland	Bolton-by-Bowland. Gisburn Forest and Sawley	1172	1	-2%
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SJ	Newton-in-Bowland	Newton-in-Bowland			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SI1	Easington	Slaidburn and Easington			
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	SI2	Slaidburn	Slaidburn and Easington			
	Waddington and West Bradford	SF	Sawley	Bolton-by-Bowland. Gisburn Forest and Sawley			

3.21 During the review process several parish boundary anomalies have come to light, for example the ward boundary splitting The Rydings between the Wilpshire and Langho wards. It is proposed that these anomalies will be reviewed in a separate Community

Governance review to be carried out at a future date.

3.22 It is emphasised that as a result of this ward boundary review no elector will be changing parish.

4 NEXT STAGES

4.1 The Council's approved proposals in respect of ward numbers, boundaries and names, will be submitted to the LGBCE by the 30th January.

4.2 Following the submission of the Council's warding proposals the LGBCE will consider our views alongside all the other responses they have received. The LGBCE will then put forward their recommendations and there will be a further consultation period on these draft recommendations, which will run between 11th April and 19th June 2017.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources - None
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None
- Political - None
- Reputation – None
- Equality & Diversity - None

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Consider the warding proposals and approve the submission of these proposals to the LGBCE.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

REF: MH/P&F/

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MINUTES OF RV BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2016 – 4.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Simon Hore (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr Terry Hill	Michelle Haworth
Cllr Robert Thompson	
Cllr Alison Brown	
Cllr Maureen Fenton	
Cllr Allan Knox	

APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr Ken Hind

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- To consider and make recommendations to Policy & Finance Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Ribble Valley.
- To consider and make recommendations to Policy & Finance committee on the Parliamentary Boundary review in respect of the Ribble Valley Constituency

PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

The proposal is to change the Ribble Valley constituency from being RV together with parts of South Ribble to Ribble Valley being split into Clitheroe & Colne and North Lancashire to enable the number of MPs to be reduced from 650 to 600.

Our initial response to the Commission following the Council meeting on 27 September 2016 was that

- The Council rejects the Boundary Commission's proposals for RV
- Urges the Commission to consider counter proposals that keep the RV borough on one parliamentary constituency to be called Ribble Valley
- And that we will be submitting submissions proposals that
 - Are based upon community interest keeping the new constituency within the borough
 - Will avoid the new constituency covering more than two local authorities areas
 - Will keep the numbers in the new constituency within the tolerance level of 71,031 and 78,507
 - Will minimise the amount of change and voter movement from the existing RV Parliamentary constituency to the proposed new one

Marshal felt it was important that the Council submit a response, but that it was also appropriate that all political parties should submit their own responses which may well differ.

He reported that in his view it would be difficult to administer an election covering up to 4 district areas (North Lancashire) and the assumption is that under the proposed new constituencies that it wouldn't be RV that would administer either of them.

Cllr Fenton reported that the Labour view was one of acceptance of the new proposals.

Cllr Allan Knox felt that the RV was better connected to Fulwood/North Preston as it used to be some years ago or to remain with South Ribble as it is currently as this already matches the numbers required. It should only be RV plus one other authority.

The Conservative group had considered the constituencies for Lancashire as a whole jigsaw and felt that the whole of RV should only be linked with one other authority to make up the numbers and that the best option would be with parts of west Hyndburn (Baxenden, Church. Immanuel, Netherton, Overton, Rishton, St Andrew's and St Oswald's) This would bring the new constituency within the right tolerance level at 77,634.

The recommendation to Policy & Finance would be the proposal of the Conservative group.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW

The LGBCE had confirmed that RVBC is in its ward boundary review programme for 2016/17.

The Council had already submitted a document informing the LGBCE that it had agreed to retain 40 councillors as well as submitting maps of parish ward and polling district boundaries, the electoral register, annual governance statement and Orders regarding parish names, ward , councillors etc. A decision was expected from the LGBCE on 15 November regarding the number of councillors and the other submissions would be used to inform our position and then to enable the consultation.

The electoral forecast for 2022 is 48,027 which equates to 1,201 electors per councillor (40).

Wards need to be within a +/- 10% variance. These can be made up of 1/2/3 member wards. At the present time there are several wards that fall outside this variance and there is therefore the need to re-draw the ward boundaries.

Marshal reported that to meet the Commission's deadline our warding proposals would need to be agreed by Policy & Finance committee on 24 January 2017.

The Chairman suggested a starting point might be to consider the 4 new county council divisions which had recently been approved as building blocks. He also suggested that the variance should be kept to +/- 5% where possible with any more being exceptions. Alterations should only be made where needed unless it was to the advantage of the neighbouring ward.

Michelle Haworth would make herself available to councillors if they needed help.

It was agreed that all members should look at the ward boundaries, and after consulting with the appropriate ward councillors come back to the next meeting with some draft proposals for consideration by the working group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at **4.30pm on Thursday 17 November 2016** in the meeting room, level D of the Council Offices

The meeting closed at 6.10pm

MINUTES OF RV BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2016 – 4.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Simon Hore (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr Ken Hind	Michelle Haworth
Cllr Alison Brown	
Cllr Allan Knox	
Cllr Maureen Fenton	

APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Terry Hill and Robert Thompson

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- To consider and make recommendations to Policy & Finance Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Ribble Valley.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW

The LGBCE had confirmed, following its meeting on 15th November, that they agreed with the Council's size submission - this being 40 elected members. They also advised that there was some flexibility if, when the Council looked at making its proposals, the Council felt that more or less Councillors would have a better reflection of communities (between 38-42).

The LGBCE will launch the consultation process on 22nd November and this will run until 30th January.

Marshal reported that to meet the Commission's deadline, of making a response to the consultation process, our warding proposals would need to be agreed by Policy and Finance committee on 24 January 2017.

Cllrs Knox and Hore have reviewed the wards with support from Michelle Haworth. Cllr Knox had concentrated on the Clitheroe wards and Cllr Hore had looked at the remainder of the borough.

Proposals were discussed in detail and several changes were suggested. The group agreed that Clitheroe should be represented by 10 Councillors and be covered by 5 wards. It was discussed in detail whether the Council should propose that Whalley be a 3 member ward or split to be 3 single member wards. Michelle Haworth is to do some further investigation into how this could work. Michelle will also make the suggested amendments and circulate an updated spreadsheet to the working group members.

Marshal reminded the working group that we can't change parish boundaries as part of this process but parishes can be warded.

It was agreed that all members should receive an update on the progress of the review and that each political group would communicate and discuss the proposed changes to its members to report back to the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at **4:00pm on 8th December in the meeting room, level D** of the Council Offices

The meeting closed at 5:45pm

MINUTES OF RV BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2016 – 4.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Simon Hore (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr Ken Hind	Michelle Haworth
Cllr Alison Brown	
Cllr Allan Knox	
Cllr Robert Thompson	
Cllr Terry Hill	

APOLOGIES

None received

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- To consider and make recommendations to Policy & Finance Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Ribble Valley.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW

Marshal reported that to meet the Commission's deadline, of making a response to the consultation process, our warding proposals would need to be agreed by Policy and Finance committee on 24 January 2017.

The Boundary Commission had written to all parishes separately asking for their comments on the review.

Cllrs Knox, Hore and Hind had reviewed the wards with support from Michelle Haworth.

Proposals were discussed in detail and the suggested changes were agreed apart from the Clitheroe wards. It was proposed that Whalley would be split into 2 wards with one being a 1 member ward (Nethertown) and the other a 2 member ward. Wherever a ward boundary was changed to move it into a new one the parish would need to be warded until such time as a Community Governance review could be carried out. It was suggested that this be done after the Boundary review process had been completed.

Councillor Knox's proposals for Clitheroe moved the whole of the town centre into one ward instead of being split 4 ways but it was felt that it might be better to keep as much the same as possible so as to minimize the upheaval. More work needed to be done on this area. Cllr Hind would email his proposals to Cllr Knox for him to consider.

The changes made to all except Clitheroe were agreed. The proposed changes to Clitheroe would be considered at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at **4:00pm on 9th January 2017 in the meeting room, level D** of the Council Offices

The meeting closed at 5:00pm

MINUTES OF RV BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017 – 4.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Simon Hore (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr Ken Hind	Michelle Haworth
Cllr Alison Brown	
Cllr Allan Knox	
Cllr Robert Thompson	
Cllr Terry Hill	
Cllr Maureen Fenton	

APOLOGIES

None received

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- To consider and make recommendations to Policy & Finance Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Ribble Valley.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW

Marshal reported that to meet the Commission's deadline of making a response to the consultation process, our warding proposals would need to be agreed by Policy and Finance committee on 24 January 2017. Michelle had done a draft report for the working group to consider.

The Boundary Commission had written to all parishes separately asking for their comments on the review.

Following on from the last meeting Cllr Knox had now revised his proposals for Clitheroe slightly to ensure that St Mary's church remained in St Mary's ward along with a few other tweaks. Cllr Hind had reviewed these proposals and felt that they were a good re-arrangement of the boundaries that allowed for the future growth area of Standen in the Littlemoor ward.

The changes made to the Clitheroe boundaries were agreed.

The changes to the Whalley boundaries were re-confirmed.

The changes to the Billington/Langho boundaries were re-confirmed. (check pink leg)

Warding issues would be left to the Boundary Commission to make recommendations.

Names of wards were discussed and agreed as had been suggested by Michelle in her draft report with the exception of

- Wiswell & Barrow – Cllr Thompson to report back
- Hurst Green – to be Hurst Green & Whitewell
- West Bradford & Grindleton to be Grindleton & West Bradford
- Brockhall & Old Langho to be Brockhall & Dinckley
- Whalley to be Whalley & Painterwood

It was important to note that nobody moves parish as part of this review.

The report would now be presented to Policy & Finance committee for approval before being submitted to the Boundary Commission. The Boundary Commission will consider all the responses received and make proposals that the Council will then get a chance to comment upon.

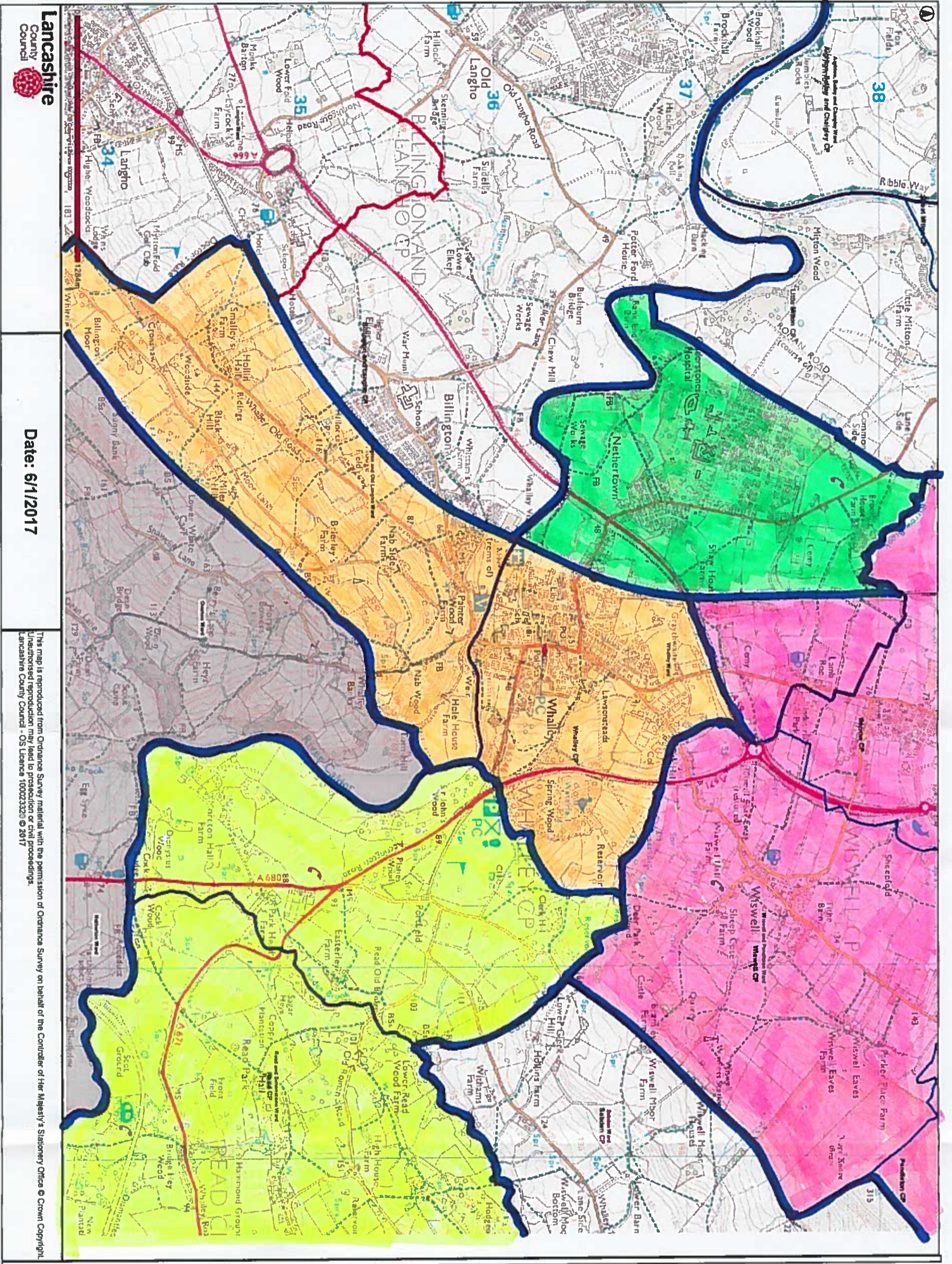
Marshal encouraged the councillors to also make representations from their own political groups to the Boundary Commission in support of the Borough Council proposals if that was their stance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

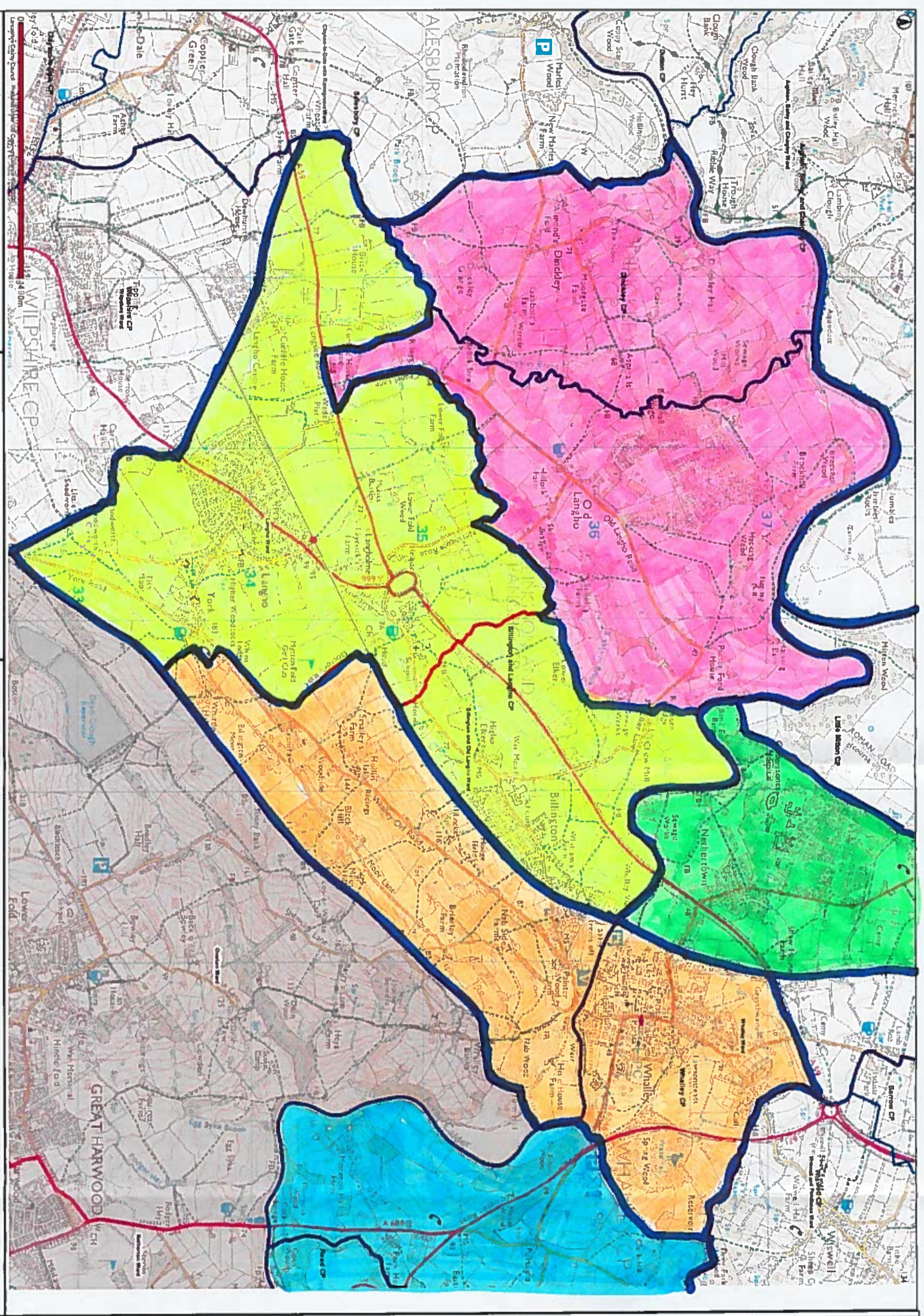
Another meeting would be held once the proposals were received from the Boundary Commission.

The meeting closed at 4:40pm

- Whalley Nether town
- Whalley and Painter Wood
- Read and Simon Stone
- Wiswell and Barrow

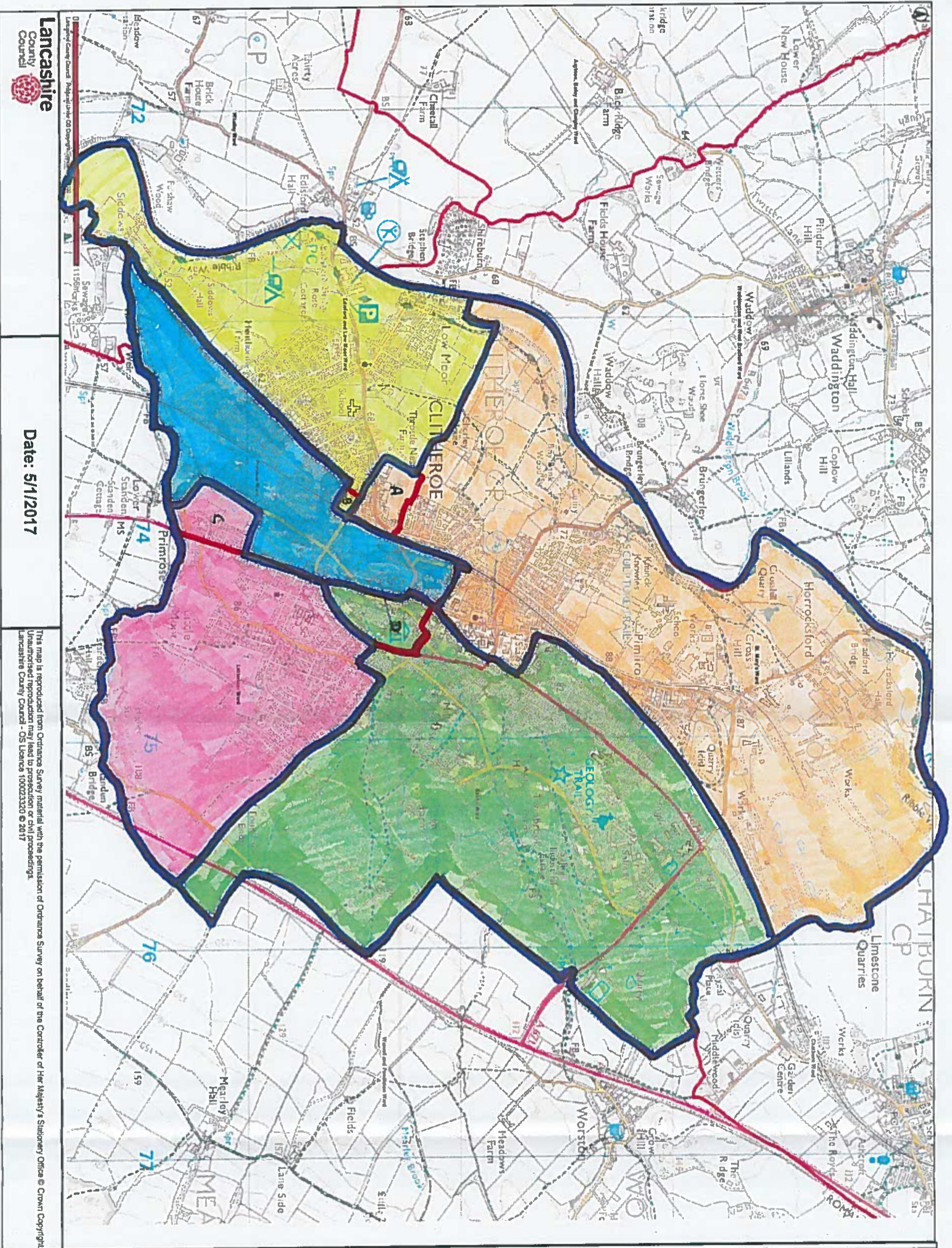


- Brocknall and Dinkley
- Billington and Langto
- Whalley and Painter Wood
- Whalley Netherfarn
- Reed and Simonstone



MAP C

- Littlemoor
- Primrose
- Edisford and Low Moor
- St Mary's
- Saltmill
- proposed ward boundary
- existing ward boundary


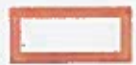



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Polling Districts in Ribble Valley

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 Proposed new ward boundary

See separate Map C for Clitheroe wards

