

## **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Cabinet  
10 June 2014

**Subject: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES – RESULT OF CONSULTATION**

**All Wards**  
**Portfolio Holder for Support Services: Councillor N Knapton**

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### **1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 The Council currently designates polling districts and polling places for use at all elections taking place within its area, i.e., Parliamentary, County and Parish elections.
- 1.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a requirement to review polling districts and polling places used for Parliamentary elections. The next review must take place by 31 January 2015. Following the decision of the Boundary Commission for Local Government to reduce the number of District Wards from 2015 there is a need to review electoral arrangements.

### **2.0 THE REVIEW:**

- 2.1 The review process and details of representations received are outlined in Annex 'A'.
- 2.2 The representations received do not raise any significant points which would suggest the need to change the list of polling districts and polling places shown in Annex 'C'.

### **3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- 3.1 There are no significant risks relating to this report.

### **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 4.1 None.

### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:**

- 5.1 There are no significant financial implications or efficiencies.

### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 The Council has a legal duty under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 to conduct this review and to hold regular reviews within four years of the completion of the previous review.

### **7.0 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998:**

- 7.1 None.

**8.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The designation of polling places which are accessible to electors who are disabled will enhance their participation in the democratic process.

**9.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

9.1 That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that the polling districts and polling places as shown in Annex 'C' be confirmed for the purpose of Parliamentary elections.

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**Background papers:** Correspondence from Parliamentary Acting Returning Officers and the public.

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**REVIEW PROCESS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

- 1.1 The relevant legislation requires polling districts to be agreed for the Council's area. These have to be based on parish boundaries unless there is a good reason to depart from this rule. The polling districts are combined for the purposes of elections – Parish, District, County, Parliamentary, European, etc. A plan showing current Parliamentary and parish boundaries within the district is attached as Annex 'B'.
- 1.2 The legislation also requires a polling place to be designated for each polling district and the polling place should normally be within that district. This does not apply if the size or other circumstances of a polling district are such that the situation of the polling place does not materially affect the convenience of the electors or any body of them. In addition:-
  - a) all electors must have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
  - b) so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place must be accessible to electors who are disabled
  - c) accessibility to disabled electors must be taken into account when designating a polling place
- 1.3 The reduction in the number and the change of names of district wards with effect from 2015 has prompted a re-think of the structure of the polling districts in Hambleton. Revised polling districts are shown in Annex 'C'. They are largely based on parishes and combinations of parishes.
- 1.4 There are currently 79 buildings within Hambleton which are designated as polling places. Several of these buildings are used for more than one polling station (ballot box). These buildings were inspected prior to the review in 2007 in relation to access and facilities for voters and election staff. In addition, the appropriateness of polling places has been considered after each subsequent election using feedback from election staff.
- 1.5 The key issues in relation to the identification of polling places are:-
  - (a) physical access to the building; and
  - (b) the convenience of the building for the majority of electors.
- 1.6 There have been a small number of changes since the last review in 2011 due to the fact that existing polling places are no longer available or more suitable ones have been found. Replacements which have been identified are included within the list in Annex 'C'.
- 1.7 Officers are of the opinion that the polling districts and polling places in Annex 'C' meet the requirements of the Parliamentary Constituencies and the District.
- 1.8 This review is required in relation to a duty to designate polling places for Parliamentary elections. However, it is good practice to adopt the same polling places for all other elections. If the recommendations in Annex 'C' are approved this will mean that the proposed polling places will be used for all elections. The proposals in relation to polling places for Parliamentary elections are subject to public consultation and, potentially, a right of objection to the Electoral Commission (which can make changes).

1.9 Following approval in principle by the Council, public notice has been given of the review and the draft proposals. The representations received can be summarised as follows:-

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| Richmond Liberal Democrats                                  | - support the suggested polling districts and polling station                       |
| Acting Returning Officer for Thirsk and Malton Constituency | - no objection to proposals.  |
| Acting Returning Officer for Richmond (Yorks) Constituency  | - no objection to proposals.  |
| Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe Parish Council                 | - no objection to proposals, but unhappy with name of new District Ward             |
| Timothy Kirkhope MEP  | - no objection to proposals.  |
| Royal National Institute for the Blind                      | - No objection to proposals. General comments on accessibility to polling stations. |



New Ward 2015	Parish	Proposed Polling District Name	Proposed Polling Place
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Appleton Wiske	Appleton Wiske	Appleton Wiske Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Picton	Appleton Wiske	* Appleton Wiske Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Birkby	East Cowton	East Cowton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	East Cowton	East Cowton	East Cowton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	South Cowton	East Cowton	East Cowton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	East Rounton	East Rounton	Rounton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	West Rounton	East Rounton	Rounton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Deighton	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Girsby	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Hornby	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Hutton Bonville	Great Smeaton	* Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Little Smeaton	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Over Dinsdale	Great Smeaton	Great Smeaton Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Welbury	Welbury	Welbury Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	High Worsall	Worsall	Worsall Village Hall
Appleton Wiske and Smeatons	Low Worsall	Worsall	Worsall Village Hall

<b>New Ward 2015</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposed Polling District Name</b>	<b>Proposed Polling Place</b>
Bagby and Thorntons	Bagby	Bagby	Bagby Church Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Balk	Bagby	Bagby Church Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Borrowby	Borrowby	Borrowby Village Hall Institute
Bagby and Thorntons	Leake	Borrowby	Borrowby Village Hall Institute
Bagby and Thorntons	Cowesby	Knayton	Knayton Village Institute
Bagby and Thorntons	Knayton with Brawith	Knayton	Knayton Village Institute
Bagby and Thorntons	Upsall	Knayton	Knayton Village Institute
Bagby and Thorntons	Kepwick	Nether Silton	Nether Silton Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Landmoth-cum-Catto	Nether Silton	* Nether Silton Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Nether Silton	Nether Silton	Nether Silton Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Over Silton	Nether Silton	Nether Silton Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	North Kilvington	South Kilvington	** South Kilvington - Old Oak Tree
Bagby and Thorntons	South Kilvington	South Kilvington	** South Kilvington - Old Oak Tree
Bagby and Thorntons	Thornbrough	South Kilvington	** South Kilvington - Old Oak Tree
Bagby and Thorntons	Boltby	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Felixkirk	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Hood Grange	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Kirby Knowle	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Thirlby	Sutton	Sutton New Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Cotcliffe & Crosby	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Cotcliffe & Crosby	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Thornton-Le-Moor	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall
Bagby and Thorntons	Thornton-Le-Street	Thornton-Le-Beans	Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall

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Bedale	Aiskew (Aiskew Ward)	Aiskew	Aiskew Methodist Hall
Bedale	Aiskew Leeming Bar	Aiskew Leeming Bar	Leeming Garth Care Home
Bedale	Bedale	Bedale	Bedale Hall
Bedale	Burneston	Burneston	Burneston C.E School
Bedale	Swainby with Allerthorpe	Burneston	Burneston C.E School
Bedale	Theakston	Burneston	Burneston C.E School
Bedale	Ainderby Mires with Holtby	Crakehall	Crakehall Village Hall
Bedale	Crakehall	Crakehall	Crakehall Village Hall
Bedale	Hackforth	Crakehall	Crakehall Village Hall
Bedale	Langthorne	Crakehall	Crakehall Village Hall
Bedale	Rand Grange	Crakehall	Crakehall Village Hall
Bedale	Exelby, Leeming & Newton	Exelby, Leeming And Newton	Exelby Leeming Village Hall
Bedale	Gatenby	Exelby, Leeming And Newton	Exelby Leeming Village Hall
Easingwold	Aldwark	Aine	Aine Village Hall
Easingwold	Aine	Aine	Aine Village Hall
Easingwold	Flawith	Aine	Aine Village Hall
Easingwold	Youlton	Aine	Aine Village Hall
Easingwold	Crayke	Crayke	Crayke Sports Club
Easingwold	Easingwold	Easingwold	Easingwold Methodist Schoolrooms
Easingwold	Linton on Ouse	Linton-On-Ouse	Linton-on-Ouse Village Hall
Easingwold	Newton on Ouse	Newton-On-Ouse	Newton-on-Ouse Parish Hall
Easingwold	Beningbrough	Shipton	Shipton Methodist Schoolroom
Easingwold	Overton	Shipton	Shipton Methodist Schoolroom
Easingwold	Shipton	Shipton	Shipton Methodist Schoolroom
Easingwold	Tollerton	Tollerton	Tollerton War Memorial Institute



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Great Ayton	Bilsdale Midcable	Bilsdale Midcable	Chopgate Village Hall
Great Ayton	Great Ayton	Great Ayton (Marwood)	Great Ayton Parochial Church Hall
Great Ayton	Great Ayton	Great Ayton (Roseberry)	Great Ayton WI Hall
Great Ayton	Little Ayton	Great Ayton (Roseberry)	Great Ayton WI Hall
Great Ayton	Ingleby Greenhow	Ingleby Greenhow	Ingleby Greenhow and Easby Village Hall
Great Ayton	Easby	Kildale	Kildale Village Hall
Great Ayton	Kildale	Kildale	Kildale Village Hall
Huby	Brandsby-Cum-Stearsby	Brandsby	Brandsby Cholmeley Hall
Huby	Dalby-Cum-Skewsby	Brandsby	Brandsby Cholmeley Hall
Huby	Whenby	Brandsby	Brandsby Cholmeley Hall
Huby	Yearsley	Brandsby	Brandsby Cholmeley Hall
Huby	Huby	Huby	Huby Methodist Church
Huby	Farlington	Stillington	Stillington Village Hall
Huby	Marton-Cum-Moxby	Stillington	Stillington Village Hall
Huby	Stillington	Stillington	Stillington Village Hall
Huby	Sutton-on-the-Forest	Sutton-on-the-Forest	Sutton Grey Village Hall

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Hutton Rudby	Crathorne	Crathorne	Crathorne Reading Room
Hutton Rudby	Hutton Rudby	Hutton Rudby	* Hutton Rudby Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Middleton-on-Leven	Hutton Rudby	* Hutton Rudby Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Rudby	Hutton Rudby	* Hutton Rudby Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Sexhow	Hutton Rudby	* Hutton Rudby Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Skutterskelfe	Hutton Rudby	* Hutton Rudby Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Newby	Seamer	Seamer Village Hall
Hutton Rudby	Seamer	Seamer	Seamer Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Danby Wiske with Lazenby	Danby Wiske	Danby Wiske Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Great Langton	Great Langton	Great Langton - The Old School
Morton-on-Swale	Kiplin	Great Langton	Great Langton - The Old School
Morton-on-Swale	Little Langton	Great Langton	Great Langton - The Old School
Morton-on-Swale	Whitwell	Great Langton	Great Langton - The Old School
Morton-on-Swale	Killerby	Kirkby Fleetham	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Kirkby Fleetham with Fencote	Kirkby Fleetham	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Ainderby Steeple	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	North Otterington	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Thrintoft	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Wariaby	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Yafforth	Morton-On-Swale	Morton-on-Swale Village Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Scruton	Scruton	Scruton Coore Memorial Hall
Morton-on-Swale	Maunby	South Otterington	South Otterington Village Institute
Morton-on-Swale	Newby Wiske	South Otterington	South Otterington Village Institute
Morton-on-Swale	South Otterington	South Otterington	South Otterington Village Institute

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Northallerton North and Brompton	Brompton	Brompton	Brompton Methodist Church
Northallerton North and Brompton	Northallerton North East	Northallerton North East	Northallerton The Forum
Northallerton North and Brompton	Northallerton North West	Northallerton North West	Northallerton The Forum
Northallerton South	Northallerton Central	Northallerton Central	Northallerton The Forum
Northallerton South	Northallerton South	Northallerton South	Northallerton The Forum
Osmotherley and Swainby	Carlton	Carlton	Carlton Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Faceby	Carlton	Carlton Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Great Busby	Carlton	Carlton Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Little Busby	Carlton	Carlton Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	East Harlsey	East Harlsey	East Harlsey Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Ingleby Arncliffe	Ingleby Arncliffe	Ingleby Cross Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Kirby Sigston	Kirby Sigston	Kirby Sigston & District Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	Kirby Sigston	Kirby Sigston & District Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Ellerbeck	Osmotherley	Osmotherley Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Osmotherley	Osmotherley	Osmotherley Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Thimbleby	Osmotherley	Osmotherley Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	West Harlsey	Osmotherley	Osmotherley Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Winton, Stank & Hallikeld	Osmotherley	Osmotherley Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Potto	Potto	Potto Village Hall
Osmotherley and Swainby	Whorlton	Whorlton	Swainby New Church Hall

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<b>Raskelf and White Horse</b>	<b>Angram Grange</b>	<b>Carlton Husthwaite</b>	<b>#Carlton Husthwaite Village Hall</b>
<b>Raskelf and White Horse</b>	<b>Carlton Husthwaite</b>	<b>Carlton Husthwaite</b>	<b>#Carlton Husthwaite Village Hall</b>
Raskelf and White Horse	Coxwold	Coxwold	Coxwold Village Hall
<b>Raskelf and White Horse</b>	<b>Kilburn High &amp; Low</b>	<b>Coxwold</b>	<b>#Coxwold Village Hall</b>
Raskelf and White Horse	Newburgh	Coxwold	Coxwold Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Oulston	Coxwold	Coxwold Village Hall
<b>Raskelf and White Horse</b>	<b>Wildon Grange</b>	<b>Coxwold</b>	<b>#Coxwold Village Hall</b>
Raskelf and White Horse	Brafferton	Helperby	Helperby Millennium Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Fawdington	Helperby	Helperby Millennium Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Helperby	Helperby	Helperby Millennium Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Myton-on-Swale	Helperby	Helperby Millennium Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Husthwaite	Husthwaite	Husthwaite Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Husthwaite	Husthwaite Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Birdforth	Raskelf	Raskelf Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Raskelf	Raskelf	Raskelf Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Thormanby	Raskelf	Raskelf Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Thirkleby High & Low with Osgodby	Thirkleby	* Thirkleby Village Hall
Raskelf and White Horse	Tholthorpe	Tholthorpe	Tholthorpe Village Hall

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Romanby	Romanby Broomfield	Romanby	Broomfield Sacred Hearts RC School
Romanby	Romanby Romanby	Romanby	Romanby Methodist Church Hall
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Dalton	Dalton	Dalton Village Hall
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Eldmire with Crakehill	Dalton	Dalton Village Hall
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Hutton Sessay	Sessay	Sessay Village Hall
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Sessay	Sessay	Sessay Village Hall
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Sowerby	Sowerby	Sowerby Scout Hut
Sowerby and Topcliffe	Topcliffe	Topcliffe	Topcliffe Village Hall
Stokesley	Great & Little Broughton	Great And Little Broughton	Great Broughton Village Hall
Stokesley	Kirkby	Great And Little Broughton	Great Broughton Village Hall
Stokesley	Stokesley	Stokesley	Stokesley Town Hall

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Tanfield	Carthorpe	Carthorpe	Carthorpe Community Hall
Tanfield	Howgrave & Sutton with Howgrave	Kirklington	Kirklington Village Hall
Tanfield	Howgrave & Sutton with Howgrave	Kirklington	Kirklington Village Hall
Tanfield	Kirklington Cum Upsland	Kirklington	Kirklington Village Hall
Tanfield	Pickhill with Roxby	Pickhill With Roxby	Pickhill Primary School
Tanfield	Ainderby Quernhow	Sinderby	Sinderby and District Village Hall
Tanfield	Holme	Sinderby	Sinderby and District Village Hall
Tanfield	Howe	Sinderby	Sinderby and District Village Hall
Tanfield	Sinderby	Sinderby	Sinderby and District Village Hall
Tanfield	Firby	Snape With Thorp	Snape Village Institute
Tanfield	Snape with Thorp	Snape With Thorp	Snape Village Institute
<b>Tanfield</b>	<b>East Tanfield</b>	<b>Tanfield</b>	<b>#West Tanfield Memorial Hall</b>
<b>Tanfield</b>	<b>West Tanfield</b>	<b>Tanfield</b>	<b>#West Tanfield Memorial Hall</b>
Tanfield	Burrill with Cowling	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Tanfield	Clifton-on-Yore	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Tanfield	Rookwith	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Tanfield	Thirn	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Tanfield	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass	Thornton Watlass Village Hall
Tanfield	Well	Well	Well Village Institute
Thirsk	Carlton Miniott	Carlton Miniott	Carlton Miniott - Vale of York
Thirsk	Catton	Sandhutton	* Sandhutton Village Hall
Thirsk	Kirby Wiske	Sandhutton	Sandhutton Village Hall
Thirsk	Newsham with Breckenbrough	Sandhutton	Sandhutton Village Hall
Thirsk	Sandhutton	Sandhutton	Sandhutton Village Hall
Thirsk	Skipton on Swale	Sandhutton	* Sandhutton Village Hall
Thirsk	Thirsk	Thirsk (East Of Cod Beck)	East Thirsk Community Hall
Thirsk	Thirsk	Thirsk (West Of Cod Beck)	Thirsk Friends Meeting House

\* Proposed changes to Polling Places

\*\* If the Old Oak Tree is unavailable South Kilvington School will be used # Polling Stations are correct (not being changed) errors on previous Annex C