

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Cabinet  
19 July 2011

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

**All Wards  
Scrutiny Committees  
Cabinet Member for Corporate Management: Councillor R Kirk**

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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. This review must take place by the end of July 2011 and subsequent reviews must take place at not more than four-yearly intervals.
- 1.3 This report makes recommendations following consultation on the Council's proposals.

**2.0 DECISIONS SOUGHT:**

- 2.1 Whether the polling districts and polling places as shown in Annex 'B' should be approved for use at Parliamentary elections following consideration of the representations which have been received.

**3.0 THE REVIEW:**

- 3.1 The review process and details of representations received are outlined in Annex 'A'.

**4.0 LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES:**

- 4.1 Electoral matters are part of the Council's Corporate Management priority. These recommendations should assist in the promotion of democratic accountability.

**5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

**6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 None.

**7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:**

- 7.1 There are no significant financial implications of efficiencies.

**8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

8.1 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.

**9.0 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:**

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

**11.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

11.1 It is recommended that:-

- (1) the Council be recommended to confirm the polling districts and polling places as shown in Annex 'B' for the purpose of Parliamentary elections;
- (2) car parking charges be suspended on election days for a fixed number of bays to the west side of the access into the Hambleton Forum Car Park.

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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 a polling place to be designated for each polling district (parish) in a constituency. This does not apply if the size or other circumstances of a polling district (parish) 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
- 1.2 The Cabinet approved draft proposals at the meeting held on 15 February 2011 as a basis for consultation insofar as polling districts and polling places for Parliamentary elections were concerned. The proposals were, however, implemented with immediate effect for Local Government elections. In accordance with statutory requirements the following were informed of the draft proposals:
- i) The (Acting) Returning Officers for the two Parliamentary Constituencies, namely Richmond (Yorks) and Thirsk and Malton
  - ii) Parish Councils and Parish Meetings
  - iii) Persons having expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability
- 1.3 Following the decision by Cabinet it became apparent that Swainby New Church Hall was available for future elections. Annex "B" was amended accordingly.
- 1.4 The following representations were received:
- i) Acting Returning Officers for the Richmond (Yorks) Parliamentary Constituency and the Thirsk and Malton Parliamentary Constituency:

The Acting Returning Officer for Richmond (Yorks) Constituency supported the proposals.

The Acting Returning Officer for Thirsk and Malton Constituency generally supported the proposals. A number of issues were raised such as disabled parking at specific venues. Generally facilities cannot be improved. The only specific issue of significance was about the poor quality of the polling place at Sowerby Scout Hut.
  - ii) Osmotherley Parish Council:

Supported the use of polling places at Osmotherley and Kirby Sigston.
  - iii) District Councillor Coulson

Has commented that Hambleton Forum in Northallerton is not a suitable building for a polling place because charging on the adjoining car park discourages voters.

Comments:

The issue of Sowerby Scout Hut has been a long running one, particularly as there is a much better facility immediately next to it. The operators of the adjoining hall have consistently declined to allow its use, but this will be pursued once more.

Hambleton Forum is considered to be the best location in central Northallerton for use as a polling place. Charging for parking is a separate issue. However, it is possible to reserve the bays to the right hand side (west side) when accessing the Car Park. This would be a small number (up to 16) which would not impact on capacity/convenient to the Forum entrance and are able to be signed effectively.

**ANNEX 'B'****LIST OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

<b><u>Polling District:</u></b>	<b><u>Electors:</u></b>
<u>Aiskew</u> – Aiskew Methodist Hall, Aiskew, Bedale BE01R - Aiskew	1,228
<u>Aiskew Leeming Bar</u> – White Rose Hotel, 12 Bedale Road, Leeming Bar LR01R - Aiskew Leeming Bar	770
<u>Alne</u> – Alne Village Hall, Main Street, Alne, York TO02T - Alne TO01T - Alne (Aldwark) TO03T - Alne (Flawith) TO05T - Alne (Youlton)	609 135 73 41
<u>Appleton Wiske</u> – Main Hall, Appleton Wiske Village Hall, Front Street, Appleton Wiske, Northallerton RU01R - Appleton Wiske	404
<u>Bagby</u> – Bagby Church Hall, Bagby, Thirsk WH02T - Bagby WH03T - Bagby (Balk) WH10T - Bagby (Thirkleby High & Low With Osgodby)	436 48 218
<u>Bedale</u> – Bedale Hall – Ballroom, Bedale BE02R - Bedale	2,574
<u>Bilsdale Midcable</u> – Chopgate Village Hall, Chopgate, Stokesley SN01R - Bilsdale Midcable	283
<u>Borrowby</u> – Borrowby Village Hall Institute (Main Hall), Borrowby, Thirsk WS02T - Borrowby WS08T - Borrowby (Leake)	328 6
<u>Brafferton</u> – Helperby Millennium Hall, Main Street, Helperby, York HE02T - Brafferton HE03T - Brafferton (Fawdington) HE04T - Brafferton (Helperby)	235 11 423
<u>Brandsby-cum-Stearsby</u> – Cholmeley Hall, Brandsby, York ST01T - Brandsby-cum-Stearsby ST03T - Brandsby-cum-Stearsby (Dalby-cum-Skewsby) ST07T - Brandsby-cum-Stearsby (Whenby) ST08T - Brandsby-cum-Stearsby (Yearsley)	226 90 54 85
<u>Brompton</u> – Brompton Methodist Church, The Green, Brompton BR01R - Brompton	1,711
<u>Burneston</u> – Burneston C.E School, (Staffroom), Burneston, Bedale LE01R - Burneston LE05R - Burneston (Swainby With Allerthorpe) LE06R - Burneston (Theakston)	238 10 89
<u>Carlton</u> – Carlton Village Hall, Carlton-in-Cleveland SN02R - Carlton SN03R - Carlton (Faceby) SN04R - Carlton (Great Busby) SN06R - Carlton (Little Busby)	252 170 67 18
<u>Carlton Miniott</u> – Carlton Miniott Parish Rooms, Carlton Miniott TH01T - Carlton Miniott	790

<b><u>Polling District:</u></b>	<b><u>Electors:</u></b>
<u>Coxwold</u> – Coxwold Village Hall, Coxwold, York WH05T - Coxwold WH08T - Coxwold (Newburgh)	164 35
<u>Carthorpe</u> – Carthorpe Community Hall, Methodist Chapel, Carthorpe, Bedale LE02R - Carthorpe	191
<u>Crakehall</u> – Crakehall Village Hall, Crakehall, Bedale CR04R – Crakehall CR07R - Crakehall (Langhorne) CR08R - Crakehall (Rand Grange)	488 52 4
<u>Crathorne</u> – Crathorne Reading Room, Crathorne, Yarm RU02R - Crathorne RU06R - Crathorne (Picton)	151 114
<u>Crayke</u> – Crayke Sports Club, Easingwold Road, Crayke ST02T - Crayke	321
<u>Dalton</u> – Dalton Village Hall, Dalton, Thirsk TP02T - Dalton TP03T - Dalton (Eldmire With Crakehill)	455 20
<u>Danby Wiske</u> – Danby Wiske Village Hall, Danby Wiske, Northallerton MW04R - Danby Wiske (Hutton Bonville) MW02R - Danby Wiske (With Lazenby)	62 236
<u>Easingwold</u> – Methodist Schoolrooms, Chapel Street, Easingwold EA01T - Easingwold	3,835
<u>East Cowton</u> – East Cowton Village Hall, East Cowton, Northallerton CO03R - East Cowton CO01R - East Cowton (Birkby) CO11R - East Cowton (South Cowton)	543 31 101
<u>East Harlsey</u> – East Harlsey Village Hall, East Harlsey, Northallerton OS01R - East Harlsey	232
<u>East Rounton</u> – Rounton Village Hall, East Rounton, Northallerton RU03R - East Rounton RU11R - East Rounton (West Rounton)	82 163
<u>Exelby, Leeming and Newton</u> – Exelby Leeming Village Hall, Leeming, Northallerton LE03R - Exelby, Leeming and Newton LE04R - Exelby, Leeming and Newton (Gatenby)	1,404 26
<u>Farlington</u> – Stillington Village Hall, The Green, Stillington, York ST04T - Farlington	103
<u>Felixkirk</u> – Sutton New Village Hall, Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe, Thirsk WS04T - Felixkirk WS01T - Felixkirk (Boltby) WS06T - Felixkirk (Kirby Knowle)	78 135 63
<u>Girsby</u> – Great Smeaton Village Hall, Great Smeaton, Northallerton CO04R - Girsby CO10R - Girsby (Over Dinsdale)	30 65
<u>Great Ayton (Marwood)</u> – Great Ayton Parochial Church Hall, Guisborough Road, Great Ayton GR02R - Great Ayton (Marwood)	1,762
<u>Great Ayton (Roseberry)</u> – Great Ayton WI Hall, Newton Road, Great Ayton GRO5R – Great Ayton (Little Ayton) GRO3R – Great Ayton (Roseberry)	93 2,123

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<u>Great Langton</u> – The Old School, Great Langton, Northallerton MW03R - Great Langton MW05R - Great Langton (Kiplin) MWO6R – Great Langton (Little Langton) MW11R - Great Langton (Whitwell)	102 49 37 28
<u>Great and Little Broughton</u> – Great Broughton Village Hall, Great Broughton GT01R - Great and Little Broughton GT03R - Great and Little Broughton (Kirkby)	825 262
<u>Great Smeaton</u> – Great Smeaton Village Hall, Great Smeaton, Northallerton CO05R - Great Smeaton CO02R - Great Smeaton (Deighton) CO07R - Great Smeaton (Hornby) CO08R - Great Smeaton (Little Smeaton)	167 87 206 33
<u>Hackforth</u> – Crakehall Village Hall, Crakehall, Bedale CR06R – Hackforth CR01R - Hackforth (Ainderby Mires With Holtby)	130 22
<u>Huby</u> – Huby Methodist Church, Main Street, Huby, York HS01T - Huby	935
<u>Hutton Rudby</u> – Hutton Rudby Church House, South Side, Hutton Rudby RU04R - Hutton Rudby RU05R - Hutton Rudby (Middleton-on-Leven) RU08R - Hutton Rudby (Rudby) RU09R - Hutton Rudby (Sexhow) RU10R - Hutton Rudby (Skutterskelfe)	1,352 79 279 21 104
<u>Hustwaite</u> – Hustwaite Village Hall, Hustwaite, York WH06T – Hustwaite WH11T - Hustwaite (Thornton-on-the-Hill)	336 24
<u>Ingleby Arncliffe</u> – Ingleby Cross Village Hall, Ingelby Cross, Ingleby Arncliffe, Northallerton SN05R - Ingleby Arncliffe	278
<u>Ingleby Greenhow</u> – Ingleby Greenhow and Easby Village Hall, Ingleby Greenhow GT02R - Ingleby Greenhow	321
<u>Kilburn</u> WH01T - Kilburn (Angram Grange) - Carlton Hustwaite Village Hall, Carlton Hustwaite, Thirsk WH04T - Kilburn (Carlton Hustwaite) - Carlton Hustwaite Village Hall, Carlton Hustwaite, Thirsk WH07T - Kilburn (Kilburn High and Low) – Coxwold Village Hall, York WH12T - Kilburn (Wildon Grange) – Coxwold Village Hall, York	10 138 198 15
<u>Kildale</u> – Kildale Village Hall, Kildale, Whitby GR04R - Kildale GR01R - Kildale (Easby)	121 78
<u>Kirby Sigstson</u> – Kirby Sigstson/Dist Village Hall, Kirby Sigstson, Northallerton OS04R - Kirby Sigstson OS05R - Kirby Sigstson (Landmoth-cum-Catto) OS09R - Kirby Sigstson (Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe)	73 15 35
<u>Kirkby Fleetham</u> – Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall, Kirkby Fleetham, Northallerton LR02R - Kirkby Fleetham (Killerby) LR03R - Kirkby Fleetham (With Fencote)	24 433

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<u>Kirklington</u> – Kirklington Village Hall (Kirklington and Howgrave), Kirklington TA07R - Kirklington-cum-Upsland TA05R - Kirklington-cum-Upsland (Howgrave) TA06R - Kirklington-cum-Upsland (Sutton With Howgrave)	179 4 75
<u>Kirby Wiske</u> – Sandhutton Village Hall, Sandhutton, Thirsk TN03T - Kirby Wiske TN06T - Kirby Wiske (Newsham With Breckenbrough)	82 99
<u>Knayton</u> – Knayton Village Institute, Knayton, Thirsk WS07T - Knayton With Brawith WS03T - Knayton With Brawith (Covesby) WS14T - Knayton With Brawith (Upsall)	271 46 54
<u>Linton-on-Ouse</u> – Linton-on-Ouse Village Hall, Linton-on-Ouse, York SI02T - Linton-on-Ouse	713
<u>Low Worsall</u> – Worsall Village Hall, 3 Church Lane, Low Worsall, Northallerton CO09R - Low Worsall CO06R - Low Worsall (High Worsall)	235 32
<u>Myton-on-Swale</u> – Helperby Millennium Hall, Main Street, Helperby, York HE05T - Myton-on-Swale	122
<u>Morton-on-Swale</u> – Morton-on-Swale Village Hall, Morton-on-Swale, Northallerton MW07R - Morton-on-Swale MW01R - Morton-on-Swale (Ainderby Steeple) MW08R - Morton-on-Swale (North Otterington) MW09R - Morton-on-Swale (Thrintoft) MW10R - Morton-on-Swale (Warlaby) MW12R - Morton-on-Swale (Yafforth)	429 185 34 113 34 138
<u>Nether Silton</u> – Nether Silton Village Hall, Nether Silton, Thirsk OS06R - Nether Silton OS03R - Nether Silton (Kepwick) OS08R - Nether Silton (Over Silton)	83 66 62
<u>Newby</u> – Seamer Village Hall, Seamer SK01R - Newby	188
<u>Newton-on-Ouse</u> – Newton-on-Ouse Parish Hall, Back Lane, Newton-on-Ouse, York SI03T - Newton-on-Ouse	466
<u>Northallerton</u> – Hambleton Forum, Bullamoor Road, Northallerton NC01R - Northallerton Central NN01R - Northallerton North East NN02R - Northallerton North West NB01R - Northallerton South	3,450 2,098 882 1,800
<u>Osmotherley</u> – Osmotherley Village Hall, South End, Osmotherley, Northallerton OS07R - Osmotherley OS02R - Osmotherley (Ellerbeck) OS10R - Osmotherley (Thimbleby) OS12R - Osmotherley (West Harlsey) OS13R - Osmotherley (Winton, Stank & Hallikeld)	494 52 57 37 53
<u>Oulston</u> – Coxwold Village Hall, Coxwold, York WH09T - Oulston	79
<u>Pickhill with Roxby</u> – Canteen – C.E. Primary School, The Green, Pickhill, Thirsk TA08R - Pickhill With Roxby	317
<u>Potto</u> – Potto Village Hall, Cooper Lane, Potto, Northallerton RU07R - Potto	258



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<u>Raskelf</u> – Raskelf Village Hall, Raskelf, Easingwold HE06T - Raskelf HE01T - Raskelf (Birdford) HE08T - Raskelf (Thormanby)	409 18 89
<u>Romanby</u> – Romanby Methodist Church Hall, The Fairway, Northallerton RO01R - Romanby	3,308
<u>Romanby Broomfield</u> – Broomfield County School, Broomfield Avenue, Northallerton NB02R - Romanby Broomfield	1,871
<u>Sandhutton</u> TN07T – Sandhutton – Sandhutton Village Hall, Sandhutton, Thirsk TP06T - Sandhutton (Skipton on Swale) – Topcliffe Village Hall, Topcliffe, Thirsk	213 57
<u>Sessay</u> – Sessay Village Hall, Sessay, Thirsk TP05T - Sessay TP04T - Sessay (Hutton Sessay)	272 72
<u>Scruton</u> – Scruton Coore Memorial Hall, Scruton, Northallerton LR04R - Scruton	382
<u>Seamer</u> – Seamer Village Hall, Seamer SK02R - Seamer	468
<u>Shipton</u> – Shipton Methodist Schoolroom, Shipton, York SI05T - Shipton SI01T - Shipton (Beningbrough) SI04T - Shipton (Overton)	593 42 51
<u>Sinderby</u> – Sinderby and District Village Hall, Sinderby, Thirsk TA09R - Sinderby TA01R - Sinderby (Ainderby Quernhow) TA03R - Sinderby (Holme) TA04R - Sinderby (Howe)	121 47 44 18
<u>Snape with Thorp</u> – Snape Village Institute, Snape, Bedale CR10R - Snape With Thorp CR05R - Snape With Thorp (Firby)	327 37
<u>South Kilvington</u> – South Kilvington C of E School, South Kilvington, Thirsk WS10T - South Kilvington WS09T - South Kilvington (North Kilvington) WS13T - South Kilvington (Thornbrough)	213 29 10
<u>South Otterington</u> – South Otterington Village Institute, South Otterington, Northallerton TN08T - South Otterington TN04T - South Otterington (Maunby) TN05T - South Otterington (Newby Wiske)	277 117 153
<u>Sowerby</u> – Sowerby Scout Hut, Adjacent Parochial Church Hall, Sowerby SO01T - Sowerby	3,348
<u>Stillington</u> – Stillington Village Hall, The Green, Stillington, York ST06T - Stillington ST05T - Stillington (Marton-cum-Moxby)	651 57
<u>Stokesley</u> – Stokesley Town Hall, High Street, Stokesley SK03R - Stokesley	3,897
<u>Sutton-on-the-Forest</u> – Grey Village Hall, Sutton-on-the-Forest, York HS02T - Sutton-on-the-Forest	655

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<u>Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe</u> – Sutton New Village Hall, Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe, Thirsk WS11T - Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe WS05T - Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe (Hood Grange) WS12T - Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe (Thirlby)	251 3 105
<u>Thirsk (East of Cod Beck)</u> - East Thirsk Community Hall, (Function Room), Off Hambleton Place, Thirsk TH02T - Thirsk (East of Cod Beck)	2,892
<u>Thirsk (West of Cod Beck)</u> – Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate, Thirsk TH03T - Thirsk (West of Cod Beck)	1,103
<u>Tholthorpe</u> – Tholthorpe Village Hall, Tholthorpe, York HE07T - Tholthorpe	224
<u>Thornton-le-Beans</u> – Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall, Thornton-le-Beans, Northallerton TN09T - Thornton-le-Beans TN01T - Thornton-le-Beans (Cotcliffe) TN02T - Thornton-le-Beans (Crosby)	206 6 17
<u>Thornton-le-Moor</u> – Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall, Thornton-le-Beans, Northallerton TN10T - Thornton-le-Moor TN11T - Thornton-le-Moor (Thornton-le-Street)	262 92
<u>Thornton Watlass</u> – Thornton Watlass Village Hall, Thornton Watlass, Ripon * CR12R - Thornton Watlass CR02R - Thornton Watlass (Burill With Cowling) CR03R - Thornton Watlass (Clifton-on-Yore) CR09R - Thornton Watlass (Rookwith) CR11R - Thornton Watlass (Thirn)	166 75 29 13 77
<u>Tollerton</u> – Tollerton War Memorial Institute, Tollerton, York TO04T - Tollerton	799
<u>Topcliffe</u> – Topcliffe Village Hall, Topcliffe, Thirsk TP07T - Topcliffe TP01T - Topcliffe (Catton)	741 93
<u>Welbury</u> – Welbury Village Hall, Tofts Lane, Welbury, Northallerton OS11R - Welbury	216
<u>Well</u> – Well Village Institute, Church Street, Well TA10R - Well	203
<u>West Tanfield</u> – Memorial Hall, Main Hall, West Tanfield, Ripon TA11R - West Tanfield TA02R - West Tanfield (East Tanfield)	442 27
<u>Whorlton</u> – Swainby New Church Hall, Swainby, Northallerton SN07R - Whorlton	512