

CGR 9

Parishes Affected

Cumnor

Matter to be considered

Revising the boundaries of parish wards and re-allocating the number of parish councillors per ward.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

Cumnor Parish Council asked that we amend various parish ward boundaries to align with those that existed prior to the changes made by the Local Government Boundary Commission as part of its review of the County Council electoral arrangements.

The parish council also requested a revised allocation of parish councillors per ward as follows:

- Cumnor Hill Ward 4
- Cumnor Village Ward 3
- Dean Court Ward 6
- Farmoor Ward 2

Summary of other responses

None.

Recommendation

To amend the boundaries of parish wards within Cumnor parish as shown on the attached map.

To change the representation for each parish ward to the following:

- Cumnor Hill Ward 4
- Cumnor Village Ward 3
- Dean Court Ward 6
- Farmoor Ward 2

Justification

The parish council requested the reinstatement of the ward boundaries that existed prior to the LGBC review of county council electoral arrangements to reflect better community identity. Unfortunately, we have struggled to find any maps showing the previous parish ward boundaries. The working group has therefore worked with representatives of the parish council and Cllr Hoddinott, to draw up new boundaries that reflect local aspirations. The returning officer is satisfied that the boundaries are reasonable reflecting logical sub-divisions of the parish and have not been developed for any political benefit.

The revised allocation of councillors per ward proposed by the parish council provides an equitable elector per councillor ratio and the working group is content to support the proposal.