

CGR 12

Parishes Affected

Grove

Matter to be considered

Creating a single ward parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

This is a request from Grove parish council

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To create a single ward covering Grove for the purposes of parish council elections

Justification

Grove is currently unwarded. The 16 parish councillors are elected to serve the whole parish. The Local Government Boundary Commission's (LGBC) proposals for new district electoral arrangements had the consequential effect of creating three parish wards - Crab Hill (returning one parish councillor), Grove Brook (five) and Grove North (11). The parish council's request is to retain the current existing arrangement.

Grove is a largely homogenous settlement that does not readily lend itself to sub-division. The existing parish electoral arrangements appear to serve the identities and interests of the village well, thus the working group recommends keeping the parish unwarded.