

Kingsley, Paul

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 12 February 2014 13:12
To: Kingsley, Paul
Subject: FW: Electoral boundary review.

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From: Harry Pike [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2014 19:13
To: Reviews@
Cc: Susan Elliott
Subject: Electoral boundary review.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you as a member of Cossall Parish Council in Broxtowe Borough /

I have just learned that Broxtowe Borough Council is proposing to move part of our Parish, namely Newtons Lane and part of the Glebe, into Awsworth, the next village. I am strongly opposed to that on the grounds that it will diminish our voting population unnecessarily. When the original boundaries were drawn up they put Cossall in with Kimberley as a unit. To get to Kimberley from Cossall you have to go through Awsworth to get to Kimberley !! It made more sense to put the whole of Cossall with Awsworth for electoral voting purposes. Can this not be done now rather than split our Parish/village in two ?

Furthermore I am sure that given the choice those who are now being proposed to go with Awsworth on their own would be more in favour of us all going together for voting purposes, and not as a move from one parish to another. Are you going to change the Parish boundaries for all purposes ?

I may wish to enlarge on this later, but wanted to get my protest recorded now.

Yours truly,

Harry Pike

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From: Fuller, Heather
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From: Harry Pike [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2014 12:33
To: Reviews@
Cc: Susan Elliott
Subject: Proposed Electoral Boundary changes

Dear Sirs,

Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes, Cossall in Broxtowe Borough, Nottingham

Further to my earlier email to you regarding the above, I have now been told by one of our Borough councillors that the council is now proposing to debate a general review of ALL Parish boundaries in the Broxtowe District, not just electoral districts. It was not too long ago that Cossall, who was then paired with Awsworth (our next door village) for electoral purposes was combined with Kimberley, a much bigger place than Cossall anyway. If you look on the map you will see that to get to Kimberley you have to go through Awsworth and it seemed an illogical decision at the time. If Awsworth were short of electors, why make the situation worse by removing Cossall from Awsworth and put it with a larger community? I suspect that it was done for Political purposes at the time, because Kimberley is a Socialist area, Awsworth was Marginal and Cossall was more Conservative than the other two places. Kimberley are big enough anyway to support the number of councillors it has, and by putting the whole of Cossall back with Awsworth it would solve their problem and put two villages together.. Could it possibly be that they are members of the Labour Party and they wanted to keep things quiet? Also, two of our Borough councillors claimed to have argued on our behalf at an internal meeting to leave things as they were, and at the full Council Meeting voted along Party lines!! When I was on the council a few years ago I voted according to my conscience if I disagreed with the Party line I told them so.

If you have to make changes to the present voting situation could you please put Cossall and Awsworth together as they were a few years ago

One last point about any proposed Parish boundary changes, and that is if you take Newtons Lane and part of The Glebe out of Cossall Parish then we shall lose almost half our Precept which would make it very difficult for our Council to perform properly.

Please take this letter as my formal objection to the proposed changes. I am sure that if you have not heard from the Parish Council you will soon do so.

If I have sent this to the incorrect department, could you please forward it to the correct one.

Yours truly

Harry Pike
A member of Cossall Parish Council

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