

CGR 10

Parishes Affected

East Hagbourne

Matter to be considered

Creating a single parish ward

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

East Hagbourne parish council made this request

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To create a single parish ward covering the whole of East Hagbourne (the number of councillors to be determined once council has made a decision regarding whether Millbrook moves into Didcot parish)

Justification

When the LGBC created the new district wards it split East Hagbourne parish, placing the Millbrook part of the parish into Didcot North East ward and the rest of the parish into Cholsey ward. Consequently it warded the parish, allocating three councillors to Millbrook parish ward and six to Hagbourne parish ward.

The working group is mindful that it is recommending moving the Millbrook part of the parish into Didcot parish but, whether the council accepts that recommendation or not, it recommends the creation of a single parish ward.

If Millbrook goes then Hagbourne parish ward becomes coterminous with the new parish boundary. If Millbrook stays then a single parish ward would replicate the existing arrangements, which seemed to have worked well for the parish and parish council over many years. A decision about the number of councillors should await the outcome of the boundary discussions.

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