Buckinghamshire Council

Personal Details:

Name: Darren Hayday

Organisation Name: Bucks Council

Comment text:

Sands is the main part of the ward (ie urban and densely populated), in previous years it was joined to neighbouring Booker and Cressex wards. The rest of the ward is rural (ie West Wycombe, Piddington, and the villages/hamlets around Studley Green). As previous District CIIr (for Booker and Cressex), former County Cllr (for the same area of the current West Wycombe ward) and current Unitary Cllr, I think that it would make sense to keep the same boundary but to cut down the number of Cllrs from 3 down to 2. Or to consider the idea of moving Sands in with Booker and Cressex if that works (as it always seems to move every 10 years or so in Boundary changes). All of the villages have their own character, other than noting that Studley Green, Horsleys Green, Beacons Bottom and perhaps Water End, it makes sense that they stay together (or Waters End could be part of Radnage). West Wycombe, Piddington are two separate villages and there is some real distance between them both. I feel that the only connection is with Booker with Sands and Cressex as an area would naturally fit in with Booker. Some of the boundary lines in which have been drawn up really do not make sense, where even one road is split into x2 separate boundaries. Sands is an unparished ward of High Wycombe and is growing in population. It used to be a village and to be honest we have tried to bring it back to having its own Parish Council (which is seemingly being blocked by the ruling Conservative group at Bucks Council.) The two main schools in the area of Sands (primary) are Millbrook and also Booker Hill. Cressex School is the nearest Secondary school (which is over subscribed). So in conclusion I think the best way forward would be to have the same boundary but reduce the number of Cllrs down from 3 to 2.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded