

Shropshire

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Comment text:

Related subject: Both parts, Mainstone and Colebatch

Paragraph 73 proposes that Mainstone parish - one part of this council's area - should be transferred to the Clun Division. No mention is made in the document of Colebatch - the other part of this council's area - although the map for Western and Central Shropshire shows it remaining in Bishops Castle Division. Paragraph 113 also refers to the proposal to move Mainstone to the Clun Division, and states that the Commission prefers not to split parishes. Why, then, are you proposing to do just that, without consulting this Council before doing so?

Paragraph 4 states that the Commission has three main considerations, one of which is ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity. Mainstone residents identify with Bishops Castle, which it adjoins, far more than with Clun, which is considerably further away. Not only does your proposal conflict with your own objective, it would also divide this Parish Council's area, resulting in one part being part of the Clun Division and the other being part of the Bishops Castle Division, and in our having to deal with two County Councillors.

Whilst equalising the number of electors matters, surely community identity is more important. This Council rejects the recommendation and believes that Mainstone should remain in the Bishops Castle Division.

Attached Documents:

None attached