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Related subject: Bishopthorpe ward

I wish to support the continuation of Bishopthorpe as a one-member ward. The ward is made up of 2 Parish Councils only, Bishopthorpe and Acaster Malbis. The population falls within the criteria for one member. They are both similar in that they adjoin the river Ouse and you can walk along the river between the 2 villages. They both face issues that affect rural life.

The ward is bordered by the Ouse and North Yorkshire. A train track separates the ward from Copmanthorpe, which itself is a single parish one member ward within the voter number criteria. Bishopthorpe while close to urban York has a clear open space boundary between it and the urban space.

From dealing with local issues, they are most of the time relevant to the villages and are not York wide issues. Both have groups that are not shared across boundaries and are within the ward for example, two schools, playgroup, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, cricket team, football teams, theatre group, bowls team, tennis club, karate club, dance club, allotments. The ward is self-sufficient in that it has a chemist, pubs, restaurants, deli's, barbour/hairdressers, shops, a post office, carnivals. Our volunteer group are village based, for example speed watch, litter pickers, balsam bash, leaf pickers.

There is no reason to change the current make-up of the ward as it meets every criteria for a single member ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached