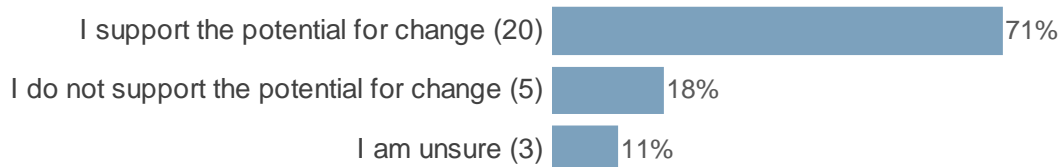


What is your opinion with the potential for change to satisfy the following parish council request?

Milby civil parish remaining geographically the same and councillor representation increasing from two to four;

Kirby Hill civil parish remaining geographically the same and councillor representation reducing from four to three;

The three civil parishes of Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge to merge to form a new single civil parish, represented by one councillor, with the total council size reducing from nine to eight:



Please give reasons for your response:

Milby has grown substantially and needs better representation.

It makes sense and might get people more involved in the Parish council

The largest population is now Milby therefore it makes sense to have a higher number of councillors to represent the growing population.

It makes sense to have more councillors for the larger areas of Kirby Hill & Milby.

Become more cost effective. Reduce bureaucracy. More emphasis on the role.

There are plans for further house building in the Kirby Hill Parish

It seems sensible to merge the smaller, more isolated Parishes. It makes sense to increase Milby representation. I would not like to see Kirby Hill representation be reduced as it will only have to increase in the future as more houses are built. Focus should be on actively seeking new members of the Council and reviewing current Council membership as at least 2 members own land affected by building applications and really cannot have any involvement in any planning matters, whether relating to their own land or others as these applications cut across the whole Parish area. This reduces the viability of the Council.

It makes absolute sense for representation to better match the elector population in each area

I agree, however I believe there should be a wider governance review that considers joining the parishes of Kirby Hill & Milby, Langthorpe and Boroughbridge Aldborough & Minskip as the parishes are so close to each other and share facilities at Boroughbridge which is seen as the hub.

It's logical but 1. The outlying parishes sharing a single councillor are in very different areas and might have very different concerns: can the single councillor represent all of them fairly? 2. Kirby Hill is likely to equal or exceed the Milby population if proposed housing developments proceed on the nod; are you prepared to have another CGR within 2-3 years?

The change is necessary because the current configuration does not reflect where the majority of the people are. Because of the housing developments in Milby there has been a big increase in people so should there be in representation as well. Mind you it will be as well to keep an eye on developments up in Kirby Hill with developments in the fields between KH and Milby also the development of the MSA which will really affect just KH. The 3 smaller wards of Thornton Bridge, Humberton and Ellenthorpe can easily be absorbed into one physically large but still ultimately small in population ward.

Please give reasons for your response:

I would prefer Kirby Hill maintains 4 representatives and Milby increases to 3. This reflects that Kirby Hill is the lead parish for the parish council and has a distinct historic and important place in local matters. Kirby Hill is the area of the parish under most pressure from planning applications, has the major road access through it, is home to the local primary school, church and is an established community. Taking these matters into account I feel it would be detrimental to the residents of Kirby Hill village if parish councillors from the other representative areas could form a majority that would outweigh the representatives for Kirby Hill. I would support the merger of the 3 smaller parishes to form a single parish with one representative.

Makes sense

Kirby Hill remaining geographically the same is borderline madness. There is an opportunity to fix the obviously incorrect boundaries and we are not taking it?! The idea that a parish boundary should go up the middle of a road, is simply ridiculous and some sort of historic oversight. There is a sign deep into Kirby Hill stating that you're in Langthorpe! This is deeply confusing to visitors. Fix the boundary. It's simple.

I fully support the amalgamation of the three small parishes and the reduction of the number of Councillors to 1.. However, in this case of Milby and Kirby Hill I think there is scope to reduce the number of Councillors further, i.e. only 3 for Milby and 2 for Kirby Hill, which would mean that each Councillor in these two Parishes would represent around 200 parishioners.

It makes sense to increase councillor representation in Milby parish

Seems reasonable

Kirby Hill & District Parish Council Would be better aligned / Merged with Langthorpe and Boroughbridge to create a Boroughbridge and District Council. This would be more aligned to the spirit of community cohesion. Residents in Kirby Hill and Langthorpe look to Boroughbridge as their Community Hub, providing all their amenities, town centre shopping, parking, doctors, dentist, etc. The creation of a Boroughbridge and District Parish Council would cement the community together and provide the area with true community democratic governance. Tinkering around the edges achieves nothing. A proposal worth thinking about ?

The proposal for change was instigated by the parish council

AS a resident of Milby parish, I think it is important that there is appropriate representation of my area within the parish council

Make sense

Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

NO

Councillors to work to implement speed calming measures on the road leading up to Grantham Arms where changes from 30 to 60. Need speed cameras beforehand someone is killed. Also to campaign against more new homes in Milby and Kirby Hill. Road, school and healthcare infrastructure cannot cope. Would like greater voice of the parish council.

Yes, another exercise in spending more taxes.

It feels as if there is an almost fait au complit attitude towards the planning applications for housing estates attaching to Kirby Hill. The fact that these estates will more than double the size of the village seems irrelevant. It is all well and good hiding behind protocols and process but it may be worthwhile spending some money on obtaining the support of a true professional planner to assist in defending the village from these developments, unless, of course the Council would like to support these? All the developers employ professional planning specialists to win these battles, we cannot rely on arm chair experts, no matter how well intentioned. I have not heard anyone in favour of these developments (local residents), so assuming the majority of residents of Kirby Hill oppose these, please use some of the assets that KH PC has and spend it on a professional planning defence before it is too late.

Community council is doing a fantastic job, in my opinion. I have no reason to support a change.

Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

With the substantial amount of house building in the area, it seems sensible to make the proposed changes but it is also very important to make sure the small, more rural settlements are well represented too.

Why not leave each outlying parish with a single councillor reflecting that community's concerns, then reapportion the remainder between Milby and Kirby Hill?

parish councils are important to the communities they represent. However I feel their observations are often ignored by planning etc.

You may also wish to consider a redrawing of the Langthorpe/Kirby Hill boundary. The Langthorpe Northern boundary does not make sense i that it goes virtually to the BlueBell pub on the left of Leeming Lane going up the Hill but barely half way up on the right hand side. Also as you leave Kirby Hill on the way to the Ripon roundabout you enter Langthorpe for a short distance before going back into Kirby Hill. Doesn't make sense.

Fix the boundary. It is broken.

No

Please listen to the parish councils regarding the huge volume of new builds in the Boroughbridge district. The developers wish to build hundreds more houses when it cannot cope with the present new housing sites.

Tinkering around the edges !

As a local resident, I find it difficult to understand how the local parish council's views are taken effectively into account within the wider governance process. I understand that views are fed through into wider Council meetings but it is not clear how much sway these local views hold. It would be helpful for local residents to understand how decisions are taken at a wider Council level and how the local parish councillors opinions are taken into account.

No