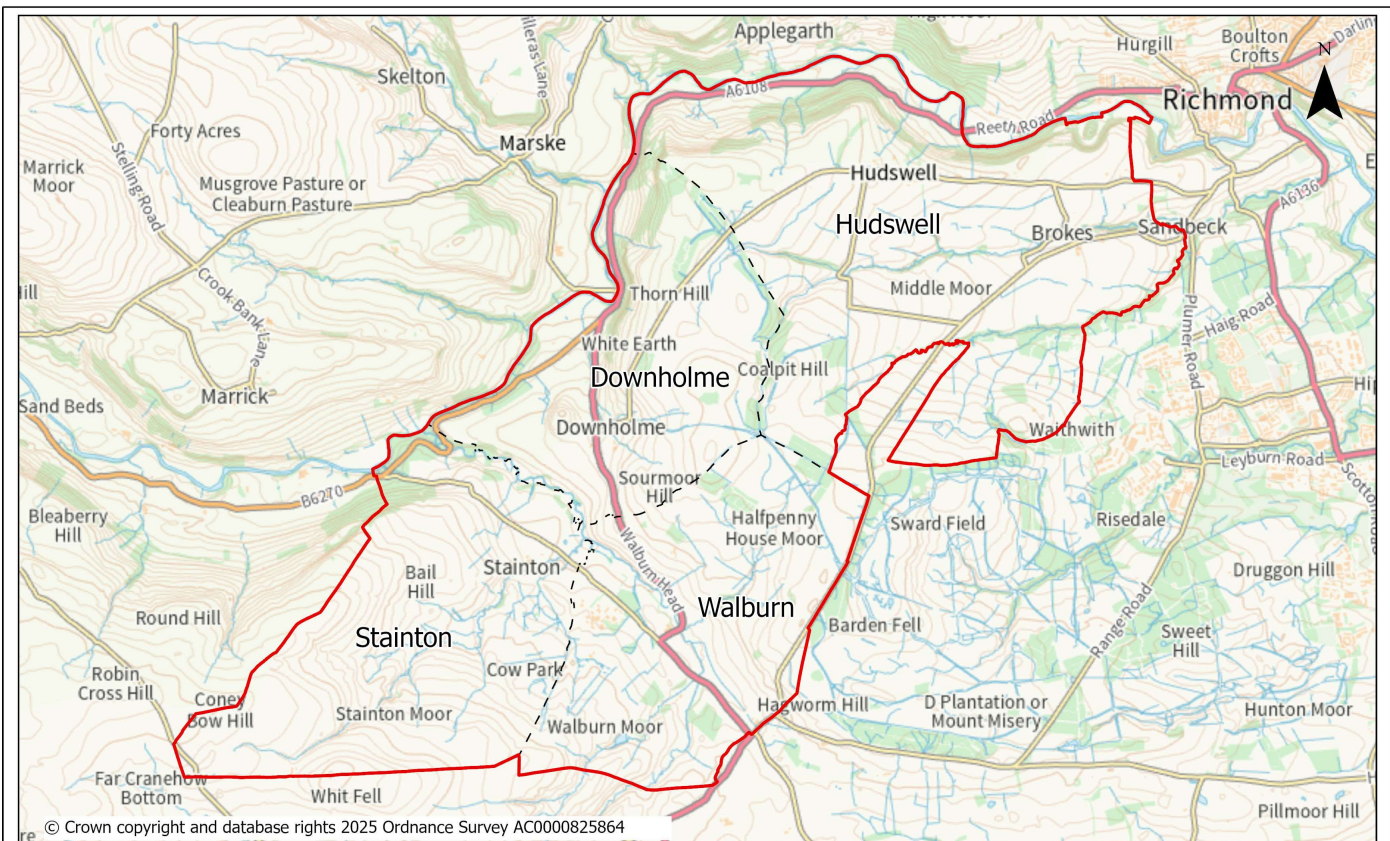


Community Governance Review for Hudswell and District Parish Council

Hudswell and District Parish Council does not currently meet the requirements of parish governance arrangements as required under the Local Government Act. Each parish within a group forming a council must return at least one councillor and they cannot represent more than one parish.

The current arrangements are as follows:

Civil Parishes within Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Hudswell civil parish	260	5
Stainton civil parish	12	1
Walburn civil parish	4	
Downholme civil parish	34	
Totals	310	6



This community governance review seeks to rectify the identified anomaly of having a single councillor representing multiple civil parishes within the group, and there are a range of options which could resolve this such as:

1. retaining each civil parish within the group and ensuring at least one councillor represents each, or
2. merging some or all civil parishes to create a different arrangement for councillor representation.

The parish council has suggested a potential solution, which will form the basis of this consultation, as follows:

Civil Parishes within Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Hudswell and District civil parish	310	6
Totals	310	6

This proposal sees all four civil parishes within the grouped parish council arrangement merged to form a single civil parish, with no need for a grouping arrangement. It recognises that there are low elector numbers in three of the existing civil parishes (Stainton, Walburn and Downholme), collectively only with 50 electors.

It is felt that the whole parish council area would be better served by councillors representing the council area equally and maintains the council size of six.

You are invited to have your say as part of this consultation.

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Closing date for all responses: Monday 22 December 2025

Please tick which best describes you:

- I live in Hudswell and District Parish Council area
- I work in Hudswell and District Parish Council area
- I own a business in Hudswell and District Parish Council area
- I am a representative of a community organisation in Hudswell and District Parish Council area
- I am a resident of a neighbouring parish, please state below
- Other, please describe below

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Please state the first part of your postcode:
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What is your opinion with the following potential solution to rectify the issue at Hudswell and District Parish Council?

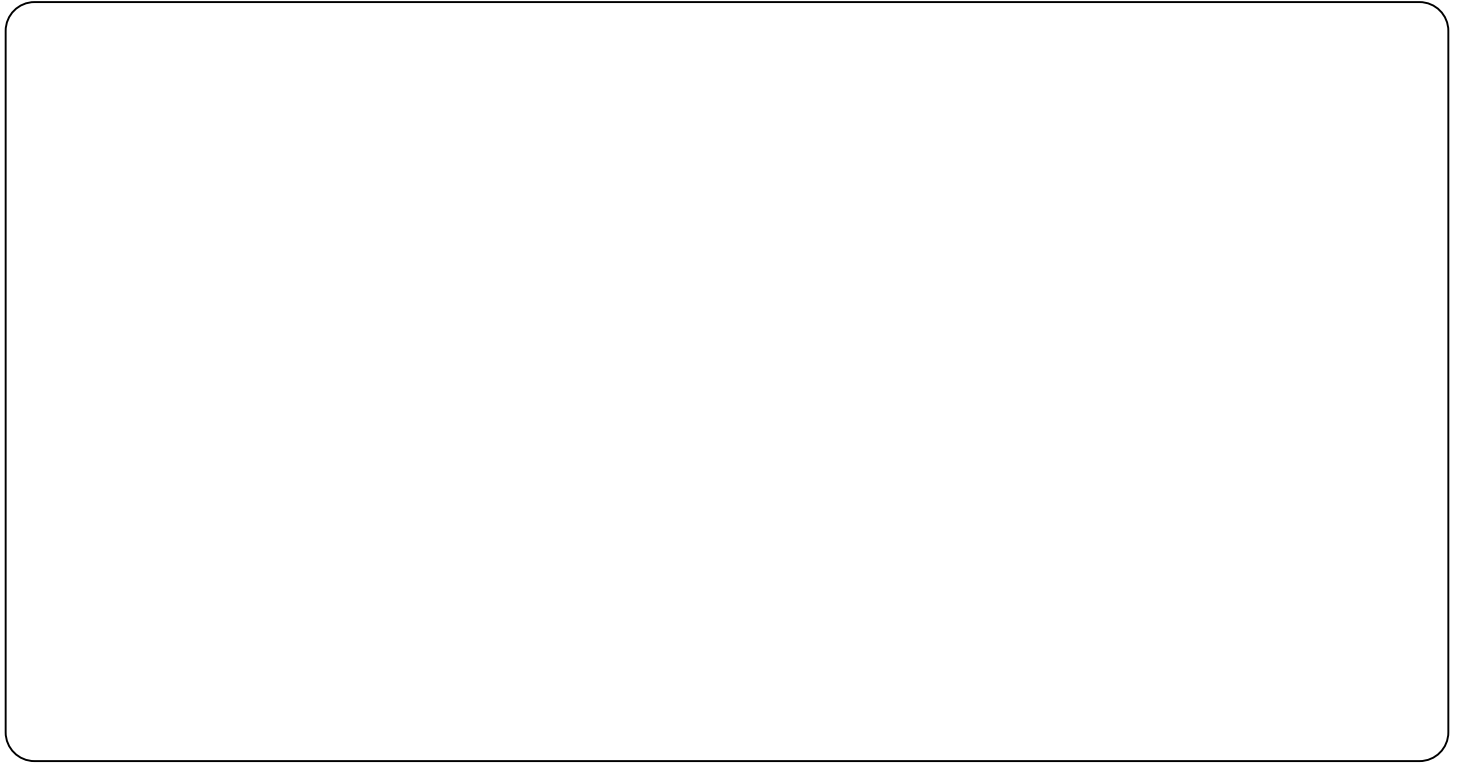
Merge the four civil parishes of Hudswell, Stainton, Walburn and Downholme to create a single parish, which has a council represented by six councillors, maintaining the current council size.

- I support the potential solution I do not support the potential solution I am unsure

Please give reasons for your response:

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



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Any questions relating to the Community Governance Review can be forwarded to CGR@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you for sharing your views.

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