

Thank you for your consultation leaflet about the possible decision to create a Parish Council for the portion of Buckshaw village lying within Chorley Borough.


I have responded to this on-line but would like to make some further comments as the options within the form didn't really allow me to express what I wanted to say.

At the moment, as I understand it, parts of Buckshaw Village are within Chorley Borough and the remainder within South Ribble Borough. The Chorley Borough part falls with the boundary of Euxton Parish. At the moment I believe it is not possible to form a Parish Council for the whole of Buckshaw Village as this would fall within two boroughs.

It seems clear to me that Buckshaw Village is an entity in it's own right, having a primary school, community centre, GP surgery and a developing commercial area which give it the attributes of a village sized community. If at some point, there is a desire for Buckshaw Village to become a Parish, this should cover the whole of the community and not just the part falling within Chorley Borough. At the moment this is of course would be impossible. I would consider it a pretty pointless exercise to set up a new Parish Council for half of the community. Therefore my opinion is that a new Parish Council for the Chorley part of Buckshaw Village should not be set up.

A second point I want to make is regarding the boundaries of Euxton Parish. I presume the boundary lines of Euxton and Whittle-le-Woods Parishes are historic and have been there before Buckshaw Village was developed. Buckshaw Village, from a community point of view, is not part of either Euxton or Whittle-le-Woods and indeed forms a distinct community of its own. In my opinion it would be sensible to remove Buckshaw from both parishes and leave it un-parished. Furthermore Buckshaw Village is in an unusual position that residents already pay £150 per annum to RMG to cover the costs of various community assets - green areas, community centre and the like. These type of community assets are often, in part, funded by a Parish Council and so it would seem to me that what might be provided by either Euxton or Whittle-le-Woods Parish council to Buckshaw Village is already being provided by the residents via RMG. Given this I see little point being in either Parish as this would mean continuing to pay, in my case, a sum to Euxton Parish Council with very little practical return.

In summary, it is my opinion that Buckshaw village should be un-parished for the foreseeable future.

  
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