

**Minutes of A Public Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 in the Village Hall to discuss the proposed Boundary changes**

**Present:** Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

Councillors T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs D Plant, K McKay, Mrs P Mulholland, J Graham and 45 members of the public.

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors Mrs L Willis and Mrs F Craig-Wilson

**2) To Discuss the Proposed Boundary Changes**

The Chairman explained that the proposals would mean that all electorates that lived north of the by-pass would be included in a new Ward with Newton and Clifton to be called Rural East Fylde. This was due to the Boundary Commission objectives of reducing the number of FBC Councillors (51 to 37) and to try to equalize the number of Electors that each Councillors represents. Also, it indicated that its recommendations should ensure that they reflect Community Identity and Interest.

The response from the public was that they were concerned that these proposals were splitting the Community and they have always been part of the Freckleton. They felt that they had no connection with the Newton and Clifton.

It was felt that more publicity should be given to this issue. It was suggested that posters should be placed in shop windows and a letter put through every letter box in the Village.

It was pointed out that the Boundary Commission will take more notice of complaints from individual members of the public rather than the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be put through every letter box in the Village to seek support for the changes to be stopped.

Signed.....T Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....06/09/21.....