

Suggested Amendments to the Parish Boundary between Eastcombe and Bussage

Introduction

Eastcombe is one of the three hilltop villages in the parish of Bisley-with-Lypiatt. It dates back to the time of the handloom weavers and is a key element of the rural parish of Bisley-with-Lypiatt. The village itself has a strong separate identity and many village groups and organisations including cricket and football clubs, scouts and guides, and darts teams. It has its own allotments, recreation ground, a pub, village shop and post office, a hairdresser, primary and secondary schools, a COE church and a Baptist chapel.

On the accompanying map the existing Parish boundaries are in blue, with the changes proposed by Chalford Parish in red. The changes proposed by Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish are in green. The numbers in red/green on the map relate to the numbered details below.

The three significant anomalies in the boundary between Bussage at its north edge and Eastcombe are as follows:

- the boundary passes through the buildings of Aberlink (labelled Saw Mill on map)
- the boundary excludes part of Stonecote Ridge in Manor Village
- the boundary passes through the Thomas Keble playing field.

Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council propose that these anomalies are addressed as follows:

1. Toadsmoor/Vatch Lane rationalisation

We are of the view that no change is required.

2. Aberlink

The Parish boundary runs through the buildings of Aberlink. (at 2 on the map). Moving the boundary to the outline of the property, as marked in green on the map, is a small change that would resolve this anomaly. Aberlink, and Bingle's SawMill beforehand, has always been part of Eastcombe

3. Dwellings fronting The Ridge

Before the Manor Estate was developed The Ridge was the natural continuation of Dr Crouch's Road as is shown by the footpath connecting the two roads. The three dwellings at (3) on the map (White Gates, Choicelands and Vatch End) are much older than the buildings opposite them and have always been part of the village of Eastcombe. We do not support the proposed boundary change that would put them into Chalford Parish.

4. Manor Farm

The current boundary passes between Manor Farm house and its outbuildings. Moving the boundary as at (4) on the map to put the house and outbuildings in Eastcombe/Bisley-with-Lypiatt would resolve this anomaly. Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council support this common sense amendment.

5. Part of Stonecote Ridge

When the extension to Stonecote Ridge was developed - building on what was then part of Thomas Keble playing fields - it was accepted at the time that these dwellings would be made part of Chalford Parish when the next review by the Boundary Commission was carried out. While Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council are happy for these dwellings to remain within their parish, they would have no objection to moving the Parish boundary as proposed by Chalford Parish Council at (5) on the map.

6. Thomas Keble School grounds

As with Aberlink and Manor Farm, the Parish Boundary passes though the grounds of a property. Re routing the Parish boundary so all of Thomas Keble School playing fields fall within Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish would resolve this. Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council support this common sense amendment at (6) on the map.

7. New Homestead, Middle Hill

All of the properties on the east side of Middle Hill running north from Four Ways are in Chalford, except for Newholme, adjacent to the Eastcombe sports ground. This anomaly would be best resolved by moving the Parish boundary to include all 5 properties, which are not part of the Manor farm development, in the Eastcombe Ward of Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish as at (7) on the map. This is a logical extension of the change at (6) on the map.

