

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Resident,

## A REVIEW OF PARISH ARRANGEMENTS FOR WISWELL AND BARROW

I wrote to residents two years ago concerning the above matter. Few residents from the Barrow ward responded to that consultation, and the few who did, didn't favour a split. Almost all of the Wiswell residents who responded were in favour of a split.

Wiswell Parish Council subsequently agreed to try a committee system (rather than the Parish being formally split). This has not worked and the Parish Council has now asked this Council to consider establishing a separate parish council for Barrow.

This Council has therefore agreed to carry out another "Community Governance Review" in respect of Wiswell Parish i.e. Barrow and Wiswell (legislation doesn't permit us to rely on the results of the last review).

This Council is keen to ensure that arrangements reflect the identities and interests of your communities, that governance is effective and convenient and that any changes reflect what you, the residents want. **Your view as a resident of Wiswell and Barrow is paramount. The Council is consulting you to seek this.**

Whilst the Council has an open mind on whether the parish arrangements are changed or not, it recognises the strong desire amongst many Wiswell ward residents for Wiswell ward to have its own Parish, separate from Barrow. If these residents again overwhelmingly favour a split, unless Barrow residents provide feedback and object, (and subject to any other factors arising), it is probable that this Council will decide to split the Parish.

### **Consultation documents and response forms are available online at:**

[http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/info/200214/have\\_your\\_say/347/consultation\\_and\\_customer\\_satisfaction/5](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/info/200214/have_your_say/347/consultation_and_customer_satisfaction/5)

A paper response form is also enclosed with this letter. As each form will be classed as a response from **one person only**, if more than one person in your household wishes their voice to be heard, each of them should please fill in and submit a separate form.

Paper copies of the consultation packs/copy forms are available from: (i) myself; (ii) Council Offices reception; or (iii) your parish clerk or councillors (whose details are displayed on your parish notice boards). **Forms can be completed and submitted online, or paper ones completed and submitted to: (i) your parish councillors, or (ii) myself at the above address.** The Council needs to receive your form by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

I look forward to hearing from you and am grateful for your time and feedback.

Yours faithfully

Debbie Nuttall,  
SOLICITOR