



THE BRAUNTON EXPRESS

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Braunton Parish Councillors 'Up in Arms' at District's Proposal to Remove Knowle and Surrounding Hamlets Out of Braunton

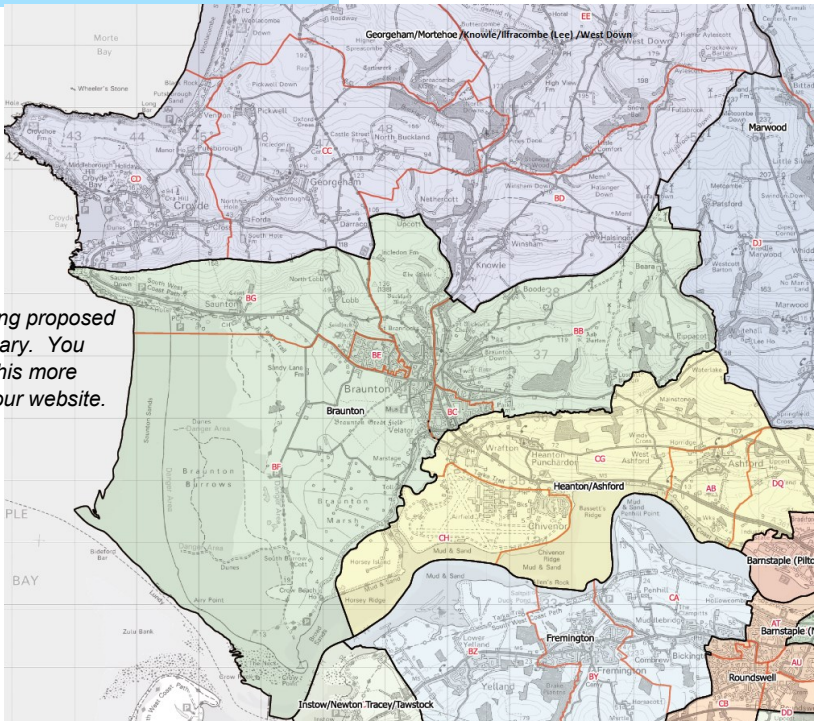
North Devon Council is undergoing an electoral review which will re-draw ward boundaries across the area and reduce the number of councillors from 43 to 41.

At the Braunton Parish Council meeting on Monday night, members strongly objected to the District Council's proposal to take the community of Knowle and its surrounding hamlets out of Braunton, and create a new ward

consisting of Knowle, West Down, Morteohoe, Georgeham and (Lee) Ilfracombe.

Historically, the village of Braunton goes back to Domesday and indeed back to early Anglo Saxon times. Knowle and its surrounding hamlets have always been part of Braunton and have always looked to Braunton village as the centre of business activities and soft infrastructure such as local care homes, the Caen Medical Centre, schools, etc. (cont..)

Map showing proposed new boundary. You can view this more clearly on our website.



The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) will draw up the new boundaries, and is asking for information from people and groups across North Devon to help. The Parish Council have responded stating that Knowle and its surrounding hamlets should remain within the Braunton ward, as they are very much part of Braunton's local community identity.

We strongly urge all residents who feel the same to make their views known to the LGBCE, as the more representations received objecting to these proposals the better chance we have of ensuring that Knowle remains within the Braunton ward. The consultation can be found at consultation.lgbce.org.uk and runs until October 2. The commission's draft recommendations are expected in December.

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Fingerpost Signs to Direct Public Around Village

Braunton Parish Council is currently working with the local community to install fingerpost signs in strategic locations within the village directing the public to local amenities and services. Members are working closely with Brian Gilbert from Friends of Braunton Library to identify suitable locations for the signs. As soon as a proposal has been agreed the Parish Council will obtain the relevant permissions required from Devon County Council and obtain the necessary funding.

Meetings Calendar 2017

Full Council Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at the Parish Hall on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

7pm 9 October 2017

7pm 23 October 2017

7pm 13 November 2017

7pm 27 November 2017