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ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WYCHAVON DISTRICT WARD – LOVETT & NORTH CLAINES 2nd CONSULTATION – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

In response to the Boundary Commission's draft recommendation, the Parish Council of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe supports the proposal for the new ward, **North Claines & Salwarpe**, which is to be represented by two District Councillors.

North Claines comprise the conterminous parishes of Fernhill Heath, Hawford and Bevere with **Salwarpe**, its village and parish ward including the developing urban extension of Copcut Rise together with the amalgamated parish wards of Martin Hussingtree and Hindlip.

1. The draft recommendation recognises Salwarpe's unique amalgamation of three constituent parish wards and shared links with the village of Fernhill Heath, combining both rural and semi-rural areas within the West Midlands Green Belt.
2. In reference to Copcut Rise, it should be borne in mind that new and existing residents are only just emerging from two years of Covid restrictions so the identity of their community is slowly evolving. This has impeded opportunities for residents to integrate and fully appraise their collective identity.
3. The Parish Council perceives its tasks as involving the existing and future electorate at Copcut Rise to have their say on delivering their local needs.

There are many different avenues that can be explored to forge links and to engage in the commonality of issues and priorities that will benefit all residents by:

- Publication of information through the existing Community & News magazine distributed monthly.
- Provision of Notice Boards
- Advice and support on the Parish Council's website.
- Informing and encouraging residents' participation in the wider range of social, economic and environmental activities and events.
- The Parish Council has already carried out a Crime Prevention initiative in partnership with West Mercia Police Authority.

In emphasising the mutual support of the shared representation by the two district ward councillors, the Parish Council's long-term objective is for the cohesion of the local electorate and its community identity through effective and convenient local governance.

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