

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“Following the major error by the boundary commission when they put through the boundary changes on Ingleby Barwick resulting in the town council representation being reduced from 12 to 6. This was despite the error being highlighted immediately and notified that it had been rectified. The town clerk has written to the boundary commission and SBC asking for a “Community Governance Review”.

Whilst the town council wishes to be at full compliment as soon as possible it recognises that this will be a long and costly exercise it is hoped that the boundary commission is open to cover the costs due to their error. It is also recognised that there are other elections due to be held on May 2nd 2024 so would be willing to agree to the full town council election being held on this date to reduce cost and also maximise elector turnout as well as the workload of SBC staff.

Will this council be supporting our campaign to get this error corrected next year otherwise we will have to operate with just 6 councillors for four years through no fault of the town council?”