

a report of the meeting held on the 8th March 72 at the R.D.C. Offices to which Representatives of the 21 Parishes in the Rural District were invited was given. Concern was expressed at the ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} changes to the boundaries of the proposed County of Avon, & particular concern was felt that the balance between town and rural populations would be adversely affected by any alterations to the boundaries as published. The following resolutions were passed at the meeting.

- Resolution (1) The parishes represented at this meeting, which accept the fact that they will be part of AVON, are concerned at the possibility of imbalance if boundaries are substantially altered & support the policy of Thornbury Rural District Council as set out in their letter of 26th May 1971.
- Resolution (2) This meeting supports Thornbury, Clipping Sodbury Rural District Councils in their view Thornbury R.D.C. should have four (4) & not three (3) representatives on the County Council of AVON.
- (2) The meeting recognised the value to the Government of the day in learning of swings in public opinion by Annual elections of District Councillors in wards returning multiples of three (3) councillors. It agreed that this system which has operated satisfactorily in some Urban areas should NOT be extended to Rural areas since part of a ward with a relatively large number of votes could exclude entirely any representation of the truly Rural areas.
- Resolution (3) The following resolution was passed:
This meeting recommends that in Rural areas the rule of three (3) councillors per ward be not proceeded with & that one councillor per parish or group of like nature be permitted.

Copies of the Resolutions to be sent to Minister of Environment, F. D. Corfield M.P.
the Solicitors of Glos & County Council, & Thornbury R.D.C. & Parish Councils Associations.

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Mr Parsons suggested that a Liaison Committee be formed a Councillor from each parish in the R.D.C. area be appointed to serve on such a committee to deal with matters which affected parishes as a whole.

This suggestion was favourably commented upon. It is not intended to hold frequent meetings, but meet when special measures require this to be arranged. Mr Parsons volunteered to arrange the first meeting & venue.