# LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

# The Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.4] 2023

Made 6 April 2023

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

DORSET COUNCIL ("the council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 14 July 2022:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), 98(4), 98(6) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

#### Citation and commencement

- **1.** (1) This Order may be cited as the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.4] 2023.
  - (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below this Order shall come into force on 1 April 2024.
  - (3) Articles 4 (4), 5 (4) and 7 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.
  - (4) For the purposes of:
    - (a) this article; and
    - (b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonicorum (North), Whitchurch Canonicorum (South), Wootton Fitzpaine, Symondsbury, Netherbury Athelhampton and Puddletown, Burleston and Tolpuddle, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St Martin to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

### Interpretation

2. In this Order-

"district" means the district of Dorset;

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.4] 2023" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

#### Effect of Order

**3.** This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

# Amalgamation of existing parishes of Athelhampton and Puddletown and constitution of new parish of Athelhampton and Puddletown

- **4.** (1) The existing parishes of Athelhampton and Puddletown within the Puddletown Area Parish Council (Group) shall be amalgamated to constitute a new parish comprising the area outlined in blue of the map.
- (2) The new parish shall be known as Athelhampton and Puddletown within the Puddletown Area Parish Council (Group).
- (3) In consequence of paragraph (1), the existing parishes of Athelhampton and Puddletown shall cease to exist.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Athelhampton and Puddletown shall be nine.

# Amalgamation of existing parishes of Burleston and Tolpuddle and constitution of new parish of Burleston and Tolpuddle

- **5.** (1) The existing parishes of Burleston and Tolpuddle within the Puddletown Area Parish Council (Group) shall be amalgamated to constitute a new parish comprising the area outlined in blue of the map.
- (2) The new parish shall be known as Burleston and Tolpuddle within the Puddletown Area Parish Council (Group).
- (3) In consequence of paragraph (1), the existing parishes of Burleston and Tolpuddle shall cease to exist.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Burleston and Tolpuddle shall be three.

#### Parish elections

- **6.** In accordance with section 40 of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018:
- (1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonicorum (North), Whitchurch Canonicorum (South), Wootton Fitzpaine, Symondsbury, Netherbury, Athelhampton and Puddletown, Burleston and Tolpuddle, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St Martin shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.
- (2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024 shall be five years, and thereafter from the ordinary day of election in 2029

shall be four years.

#### Parishes of Char Valley group of parishes under Char Valley Parish Council

- 7. (1) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Stanton St Gabriel shall be one.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum (North) shall be four.
- (3) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum (South) shall be four.
  - (4) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Wootton Fitzpaine shall be four.

#### Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards

**8.** Each area coloured and designated by a letter on the map and specified in column (1) of Schedules 1A and 1B shall cease to be part of the parish area specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the Schedule and shall become part of the parish specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of the Schedule.

### Electoral register

**9.** The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

#### Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

**10.** The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall transfer on the date specified in column (2) of those Schedules.

#### Order date

**11.** 1st April 2024 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The Common SEAL of DORSET COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

In the presence of

Authorised Signatory

Dated



# SCHEDULE 1A

# **Article 8**

# ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)	Column (5)
Area	Parish from which omitted	Parish ward from which omitted	Parish to which added	Parish ward to which added
"A" (sheet 1)	West Knighton	Not applicable	Broadmayne	Not applicable
"B" (sheet 1)	Broadmayne	Not applicable	West Knighton	Not applicable
"C" (sheet 2)	Chideock	Not applicable	Whitchurch Canonicorum South	Not applicable
"D" (sheet 3)	Chideock	Not applicable	Symondsbury	Not applicable
"E" (sheet 4)	Netherbury	Not applicable	Symondsbury	Not applicable
"F" (sheet 5)	Loders	Not applicable	Shipton Gorge	Not applicable
"G" (sheet 6)	Winterborne Monkton	Not applicable	Winterborne St Martin	Not applicable

## **SCHEDULE 1B**

#### Article 8

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)	Column (5)
Area	Parish from which omitted	Parish ward from which omitted	Parish to which added	Parish ward to which added
"H" (sheet 7)	Whitchurch Canonicorum South	Not applicable	Stanton St Gabriel	Not applicable

# SCHEDULE 2

Article 10

# LAND AND PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)

Any land and property to be transferred

From Parish area specified in column 2 of

Schedule 1A to the Parish area specified in

column 4 of the said schedule.

Column (2) Date

1 April 2024

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 10

# HISTORICAL AND CEREMONIAL PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)

Column (2)

Any historical and ceremonial property to be

transferred

Date

From Parish area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1A to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule.

1 April 2024

# **SCHEDULE 4**

Article 10

# FUNDS AND BALANCES TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)

Any funds and balances to be transferred From Parish area specified in column 2 of

Schedule 1A to the Parish area specified in

column 4 of the said schedule.

Column (2)

Date

1 April 2024

SCHEDULE 5

Article 10

# MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)

Column (2)

Any maintenance responsibilities to be transferred

From Parish area specified in column 2 of

Schedule 1A to the Parish area specified in

column 4 of the said schedule.

Date 1 April 2024

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Dorset Council for the alteration of the area of the parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Stanton St Gabriel, Symondsbury, Netherbury, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton and Winterborne St Martin, the amalgamation of the parishes of Athelhampton and Puddletown to create a new parish and the amalgamation of the parishes of Burleston and Tolpuddle to create a new parish, within the district of Dorset.

The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

Article 6 provides for parish elections in the parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonicorum (North), Whitchurch Canonicorum (South), Wootton Fitzpaine, Symondsbury, Netherbury Athelhampton and Puddletown, Burleston and Tolpuddle, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St Martin in 2024 for a term of five years and then from 2029 to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Articles 4(4), 5(4) and 7 specify the numbers of parish councillors to be elected for the parishes of Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonicorum (North), Whitchurch Canonicorum (South), Wootton Fitzpaine, Athelhampton and Puddletown, Burleston and Tolpuddle.

Article 8 and the map establish the revised areas of the parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Stanton St Gabriel, Symondsbury, Netherbury, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton and Winterborne St Martin.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in Article 2 shows the alteration to the areas of the of Broadmayne, West Knighton, Chideock, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Stanton St Gabriel, Symondsbury, Netherbury, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St Martin, Athelhampton and Puddletown and Burleston and Tolpuddle. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Dorset Council.















