

1980 No. 643

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements)

Order 1980

Made - - - - - 3rd May 1980

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 2

Whereas in pursuance of section 51(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 22nd February 1980 submitted proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the District of West Dorset:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred upon me by sections 51(2) and 67 of the said Act, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 5th May 1983 provided that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that day the said Order shall come into operation on 10th October 1982.

3.—(1) The existing wards of the District of West Dorset shall be abolished and the said district shall be divided into thirty-eight wards which shall bear the names set out in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order, and each such ward shall comprise the existing areas specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the ward as given in the said column 1.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for each such ward shall be the number specified in column 3 of the said Schedule 1 opposite to the name of the ward as given in column 1 of that Schedule.

4. Subject to the provisions of Article 5 below the election of councillors shall be by thirds.

5.—(1) The whole number of councillors shall be elected at the ordinary elections of councillors in 1983.

(2) The order of retirement of the councillors elected in 1983 shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) Where the number of councillors elected in 1983 for any ward of the district is two, the first to retire in that ward shall be, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) below, the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(4) Where the number of councillors elected in 1983 for any ward of the district is three—

(a) one-third shall retire in 1984 being, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;

(b) one-third shall retire in 1986 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes;

(c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1987.

(5) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any such year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.

(6) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each such year shall be determined by lot.

(7) Where under this Article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen, and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this Article the term of office of councillors shall be four years, and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors for the district in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

6.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors elected in 1979 for any parish or ward of a parish situated in the Burton Bradstock, Caundle Vale, Charminster, Charmouth, Chesil Bank, Frome Valley, Maiden Newton, Piddle Valley, Thorncombe and Whitechurch Canonicorum wards of the district shall take place in 1984 and thereafter ordinary elections shall take place every fourth year.

(2) The ordinary elections of parish councillors elected in 1983 for any parish or ward of a parish situated in the Beaminster, Bothenhampton, Bradford Abbas, Cerne Valley, Chickerell, Dorchester East, Dorchester North, Dorchester South, Dorchester West, Holnest, Netherbury, Queen Thorne, Winterborne St. Martin and Yetminster wards of the district shall take place in 1986 and thereafter ordinary elections shall take place every fourth year.

(3) The parish councillors to whom the foregoing paragraphs of this Article apply shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of parish councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
3rd May 1980.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3.

NAMES AND AREAS OF AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS FOR NEW WARDS

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
Beaminster	The parishes of Beaminster, Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott	2
Bothenhampton	The parish of Bothenhampton	1
Bradford Abbas	The parishes of Bradford Abbas, Clifton Maybank and Thornford	1
Bradpole	The parish of Bradpole	1
Bridport North	The North ward of the parish of Bridport	3
Bridport South	The South ward of the parish of Bridport	2
Broadmayne	The parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton, West Stafford and Whitcombe	1
Broadwindsor	The parishes of Broadwindsor, Burstock and Seaborough	1
Burton Bradstock	The parishes of Burton Bradstock, Puncknowle and Swyre	1
Caundle Vale	The parishes of Bishop's Caundle, Caundle Marsh, Folke, Haydon, Holwell, North Wootton and Purse Caundle	1
Cerne Valley	The parishes of Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone, Minterne Magna, Nether Cerne, Stratton and Up Cerne	1
Charminster	The parish of Charminster	1
Charmouth	The parishes of Catherston Leweston, Charmouth and Wootton Fitzpaine ..	1
Chesil Bank	The parishes of Abbotsbury, Fleet, Kingston Russell, Langton Herring, Littlebredy, Long Bredy and Portesham ..	1
Chickerell	The parish of Chickerell	2
Dorchester East	The East ward of the parish of Dorchester	2
Dorchester North	The North ward of the parish of Dorchester	2
Dorchester South	The South ward of the parish of Dorchester	3

SCHEDULE 1 (continued)

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
Dorchester West	The West ward of the parish of Dorchester	3
Frome Valley	The parishes of Cattistock, Chilfrome, Frampton, Frome St. Quentin and Sydling St. Nicholas	1
Halstock	The parishes of Corscombe, East Chelborough, Evershot, Halstock, Melbury Osmond, Melbury Sampford, Rampisham, West Chelborough and Wraxall..	1
Holnest	The parishes of Batcombe, Hermitage, Hilfield, Holnest, Leigh, Leweston, Lillington, Longburton and Melbury Bubb	1
Loders	The parishes of Askerswell, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Loders and Shipton Gorge	1
Lyme Regis	The parish of Lyme Regis	3
Maiden Newton	The parishes of Frome Vauchurch, Maiden Newton, Toller Fratrum, Toller Porcorum, West Compton and Wynford Eagle	1
Netherbury	The parishes of Hooke, Mapperton, Netherbury, North Poorton and Powerstock	1
Owermoigne	The parishes of Osmington, Owermoigne, Poxwell, Tincton, Warmwell, Watercombe and Woodsford.. .. .	2
Piddle Valley	The parishes of Alton Pancras, Buckland Newton, Piddlehinton and Piddle-trethide.. .. .	1
Puddletown	The parishes of Athelhampton, Puddletown and Stinsford	1
Queen Thorne	The parishes of Castleton, Goathill, Nether Compton, Osborne, Over Compton, Poyntington, Sandford Orcas and Trent	1
Sherborne East	The East ward of the parish of Sherborne	2
Sherborne West	The West ward of the parish of Sherborne	3

SCHEDULE 1 (continued)

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
Symondsbury	The parishes of Allington and Symondsbury	1
Thorncombe	The parishes of Bettiscombe, Marshwood, Pilsdon, Stoke Abbott and Thorncombe	1
Tolpuddle.. .. .	The parishes of Burleston, Cheselbourne, Dewlish, Melcombe Horsey and Tolpuddle	1
Whitechurch Canonorum	The parishes of Chideock, Stanton St. Gabriel and Whitechurch Canonorum	1
Winterborne St. Martin ..	The parishes of Bincombe, Bradford Peverell, Compton Valence, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St. Martin, Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton	1
Yetminster	The parishes of Beer Hackett, Chetnole, Ryne Intrinsicca, Stockwood and Yetminster	1

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to retire in 1984	Number of Councillors to retire in 1986	Number of Councillors to retire in 1987
Beaminster	1	1	0
Bothenhampton	0	1	0
Bradford Abbas	0	1	0
Bradpole	0	0	1
Bridport North	1	1	1
Bridport South	1	0	1
Broadmayne	0	0	1
Broadwindsor	0	0	1
Burton Bradstock	1	0	0
Caundle Vale	1	0	0
Cerne Valley	0	1	0
Charminster	1	0	0
Charmouth	1	0	0
Chesil Bank	1	0	0
Chickerell	1	1	0
Dorchester East	0	1	1
Dorchester North	0	1	1
Dorchester South	1	1	1
Dorchester West	1	1	1
Frome Valley	1	0	0
Halstock	0	0	1
Holnest	0	1	0
Loders	0	0	1
Lyme Regis	1	1	1
Maiden Newton	1	0	0
Netherbury	0	1	0

SCHEDULE 2 (continued)

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to retire in 1984	Number of Councillors to retire in 1986	Number of Councillors to retire in 1987
Owermoigne	0	1	1
Piddle Valley	1	0	0
Puddletown	0	0	1
Queen Thorne	0	1	0
Sherborne East	0	1	1
Sherborne West	1	1	1
Symondsbury	0	0	1
Thorncombe	1	0	0
Tolpuddle	0	0	1
Whitechurch Canonicorum	1	0	0
Winterborne St. Martin ..	0	1	0
Yetminster	0	1	0