STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 756

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Stroud (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008

Made - - - - 29th February 2008

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), 1(3), and

Stroud District Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) ("the 1997 Act"), have made to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated October 2007 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Minchinhampton and Nailsworth(d)in the district of Stroud and for electoral changes to three wards of the district of Stroud and two electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals and, in relation to the changes to be made on 1st April 2008 affecting the parishes of Minchinhampton, Nailsworth and Woodchester(e), to make related alterations of the boundaries of Amberley & Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth wards of the district of Stroud, and Nailsworth & Minchinhampton and Rodborough electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(**f**) and 23(**g**) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Stroud (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008.
 - (2) This Order, with the exception of articles 3 and 4(3), comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of district councillors for the district wards of Amberley & Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth to be held on the ordinary day of the election of councillors in 2008, on the day after that on which it is made;

⁽a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

⁽b) 1997 c.29.

⁽c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

⁽d) The areas of the parishes of Minchinhampton and Nailsworth were altered by the Stroud (Parishes) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2955).

⁽e) The areas of the parishes of Minchinhampton, Nailsworth and Woodchester were altered by S.I. 2007/2955.

⁽f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

⁽g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.
- (3) Article 4(3) comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of county councillors for the county electoral divisions of Nailsworth & Minchinhampton and Rodborough to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009, on 15th October 2008;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.
- (4) Article 3 comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Minchinhampton and Nailsworth to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011, on 15th October 2010;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Stroud (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008", of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission: 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(a); and

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

Alteration of the area of Minchinhampton Box parish ward

3. The area coloured and designated by the letter "A" on Sheet 2 shall cease to be part of the parish of Nailsworth and shall become part of Minchinhampton Box ward(c) of the parish of Minchinhampton.

Alteration of the areas of Amberley & Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth district wards and Nailsworth & Minchinhamton and Rodborough county electoral divisions

- **4.**—(1) The area that will cease to be part of the parish of Nailsworth and become part of the parish of Minchinhampton in consequence of the Stroud (Parishes) Order 2007(**d**) shall cease to be part of Nailsworth district ward(**e**) and become part of Minchinhampton district ward(**f**).
- (2) The area that will cease to be part of the parish of Woodchester and become part of the parish of Nailsworth in consequence of the Stroud (Parishes) Order 2007(g) shall cease to be part of Amberley & Woodchester district ward(h) and shall become part of Nailsworth district ward(i).
- (3) The area that will cease to be part of the parish of Woodchester and become part of the parish of Nailsworth in consequence of the Stroud (Parishes) Order 2007(j) shall cease to be part

⁽a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

⁽b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

⁽c) See the District of Stroud (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3883) as amended by the District of Stroud (Parishes and Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2706).

⁽d) S.I. 2007/2955.

⁽e) See S.I 2001/3883 as amended by S.I. 2005/2706.

⁽f) See S.I. 2001/3883 as amended by S.I. 2005/2706.

⁽g) S.I. 2007/2955

⁽h) See S.I.2001/3883 as amended by S.I. 2005/2706.

⁽i) See S.I. 2001/3883 as amended by S.I. 2005/2706

⁽j) S.I. 2007/2955.

of Rodborough county electoral county division(a) and shall become part of Nailsworth & Minchinhampton county electoral division(b).

Map

5. Stroud District Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral register

6. The registration officer for the district of Stroud 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 29th February 2008



29th February 2008

Peter Wardle Chief Executive

⁽a) See the County of Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2814).

⁽**b**) See S.I. 2004/2814.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for changes to electoral arrangements for the parishes of Minchinhampton and Nailsworth within the district of Stroud, and for related alterations of the boundaries of Amberley &Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth wards of the district of Stroud, and Nailsworth & Minchinhampton and Rodborough electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire as a result of changes to the boundaries of the parishes of Minchinhampton, Nailsworth and Woodchester made by the Stroud (Parishes) Order 2007.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of district elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008, county elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009, and parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011.

Article 3 alters the area of the parish of Nailsworth and makes alterations to the area of Minchinhampton Box parish ward of the parish of Minchinhampton.

Article 4 makes alterations to the areas of Amberley & Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth wards of the district of Stroud and Nailsworth & Minchinhampton and Rodborough electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire.

Article 5 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 alterations to the areas of the parish of Nailsworth and the Minchinhampton Box ward of the parish of Minchinhampton made by article 3. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Stroud District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.