



CHAPTER xvi.

An Act to authorise the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of West Bromwich to alter the wards thereof to increase the number of aldermen and councillors and for other purposes. A.D. 1918.
[30th July 1918.]

WHEREAS the borough of West Bromwich in the county of Stafford (hereinafter referred to as "the borough") is a county borough under the government of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation"):

And whereas the borough is for the purpose of the election of councillors now divided into six wards each of which is represented by three councillors and the council now consists of six aldermen and eighteen councillors:

And whereas it is expedient for the purpose of securing greater equality of representation and for the better government of the borough that the borough should be divided into eight wards each represented by three councillors and that the number of aldermen and councillors respectively should be increased to eight and twenty-four:

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions in this Act contained should be enacted:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas in relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the requirements of the Borough Funds Acts 1872 and 1903 have been observed and the approval of the Local Government Board has been obtained:

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May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the West Bromwich Corporation Act 1918.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

“The borough” means the borough of West Bromwich;

“The Corporation” means the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough;

“The council” means the council of the borough.

Increase of aldermen and councillors.

3. On and after the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen the council shall consist of eight aldermen and twenty-four councillors.

Division of borough into wards.

4.—(1) From and after the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen the division of the borough into wards as existing immediately prior thereto shall cease to exist and the borough shall be divided into eight wards which shall be named respectively Sandwell Ward Tantany Ward Lyndon Ward Hill Top Ward Greets Green Ward Town Hall Ward Lyng Ward and Spon Lane Ward.

(2) The boundaries of each of the said wards shall be as set forth in the Schedule to this Act.

(3) Three councillors and one alderman shall be assigned to each of the said wards.

Appointment and retirement of councillors.

5.—(1) The several councillors who at the passing of this Act shall represent the six wards of the borough as then constituted shall continue to hold office and represent such wards respectively as constituted by this Act for the same respective periods that they would have held office had the said wards remained unaltered.

(2) Elections shall take place on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen of three councillors for each of the new Tantany and Lyng Wards by this Act constituted Provided that in the event of the first register of electors under the Representation of the People Act 1918 not being in force on the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and

eighteen the said elections shall take place within two months after the date when such register shall come into force and the several councillors for such wards who are elected at such elections shall retire as follows:—

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- (a) The councillor for each of such new wards who is elected by the smallest number of votes on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and nineteen:
- (b) The councillor for each of such new wards who is elected by the next smallest number of votes on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and twenty:
- (c) The councillor elected by the largest number of votes on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

(3) Provided further that if no poll be taken at the election of councillors for either of the wards mentioned in the last preceding subsection or if for any reason it is doubtful which of the councillors representing either of such wards ought to retire on the dates specified in that subsection the council shall at their meeting held on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or at the first meeting of the council after the date upon which the election of councillors shall take place (as the case may be) by a majority of votes or in case of an equality of votes by the casting vote of the chairman determine which of such councillors shall go out of office on the dates so specified respectively.

(4) The mayor or such person as he shall appoint shall be the returning officer at the election of councillors for each of the wards referred to in subsection two of this section on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or such other date as therein provided.

(5) The election of the three councillors for each of the new Tantany and Lyng Wards by this Act constituted shall take place as provided in subsection (2) of this section notwithstanding any provisions for the postponement of the next statutory elections of borough councillors which may be enacted by any public general Act passed in the present session of Parliament.

6. On the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen or at the first meeting of the council after the date upon which the election of councillors shall take place as provided by subsection (2) of the last preceding section of this Act the

Election of
additional
aldermen.

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Further provisions as to elections &c.

7. Anything to be done under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Acts the Ballot Act 1872 the Representation of the People Act 1918 and any other Act or Acts in relation to elections and other matters incidental thereto or by the mayor aldermen or town clerk of the borough in relation to each of the eight wards by this Act constituted before the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen may be done in like manner as if such wards were and had been wards of the borough existing at the time of the passing of this Act.

As to elections and rotation generally.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act all elections vacations of office and rotations shall be governed and regulated by the Municipal Corporations Acts.

Ward rolls.

9. For the purposes of the ward rolls to be made after the passing of this Act under the Municipal Corporations Acts and in relation to the functions and offices of the mayor town clerk and other officers under those Acts the borough shall be deemed to have been divided into eight wards. Provided that no such ward roll so to be made as aforesaid shall be deemed to be invalid by reason of the same not having been made and published or of any notice or notices not having been given at the time or times required prior to the passing of this Act if such roll or notice or notices be made given or published as soon after the passing of this Act as may be practicable.

Application of Municipal Corporations Acts.

10. Subject to the provisions of this Act the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Acts with respect to the division of the borough into wards or the alterations of wards shall apply to the borough and nothing in this Act shall take away or affect the power to alter the number or boundaries of the wards of the borough under the provisions of the said Acts.

Aldermen.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to affect or interfere with the status and tenure of office of the six aldermen of the borough as existing at the passing of this Act and they shall continue to hold office for the periods for which

they are by law elected and they together with the two additional aldermen by this Act created shall on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and eighteen be severally assigned by the council as returning officers of the eight wards of the borough as constituted by this Act. A.D. 1918.

12. Subject to the provisions of section 60 of the Local Government Act 1894 and as regards any alteration of the wards constituted by this Act to the provisions of that Act as to the alteration of wards for the election of guardians of the poor the following provisions shall have effect:—

Guardians of
parish of
West
Bromwich.

(1) The parish of West Bromwich shall for the purposes of the election of guardians be divided into eight wards which shall be co-terminous with and bear the same names as the municipal wards of the borough constituted by this Act:

(2) Until the respective dates at which they would if this Act had not been passed have retired from the office of guardian of the poor for the parish of West Bromwich the guardians of the said parish in office at the date of the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be elected for and to represent the wards constituted by this Act and for the purpose of the allocation of guardians to the said wards the following provisions shall apply (that is to say):—

The two guardians representing the Sandwell Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be the guardians elected for the Sandwell Ward constituted by this Act;

The guardian representing the Lyndon Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be the guardian elected for the Lyndon Ward constituted by this Act;

The two guardians representing the Hill Top Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be the guardians elected for the Hill Top Ward as constituted by this Act;

The guardian representing the Greet Green Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this

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Act who has represented that ward for the longest period shall be deemed to be the guardian elected for the Greet Green Ward as constituted by this Act ;

The guardian representing the Greet Green Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act who has represented that ward for the shortest period shall be deemed to be the guardian elected for the Tantony Ward as constituted by this Act ;

The two guardians representing the Town Hall Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be the guardians elected for the Town Hall Ward as constituted by this Act ;

The guardian representing the Spon Lane Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act who has represented that ward for the longest period shall be deemed to be the guardian elected for the Spon Lane Ward as constituted by this Act ;

The guardian representing the Spon Lane Ward as existing immediately before the passing of this Act who has represented that ward for the shortest period shall be deemed to be the guardian elected for the Lyng Ward as constituted by this Act.

The said guardians or any person elected to fill any casual vacancy occurring amongst them at any time before the next election of guardians for the parish of West Bromwich shall retire from office on the same days as they would have retired therefrom if this Act had not been passed.

Power to
borrow.

13. The Corporation may borrow at interest for the payment of the costs charges and expenses referred to in the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is "Costs of Act" on the security of the borough fund and borough rate of the borough any sums not exceeding the amount ascertained as in that section provided.

Period for
repayment
of money
borrowed

14. The Corporation shall pay off all moneys borrowed under the authority of this Act within five years from the passing of this Act.

15. The provisions of the West Bromwich Corporation Act 1900 contained in the following sections (that is to say):—

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| <p>Section 142</p> <p>Section 143</p> <p>Section 144</p> <p>Section 146</p> <p>Section 148</p> <p>Section 150</p> <p>Section 151</p> <p>Section 152</p> <p>Section 153</p> <p>Section 155</p> <p>Section 158</p> <p>Section 162</p> | <p>Certain regulations of Public Health Act 1875 as to borrowing not to apply;</p> <p>Mode of raising money;</p> <p>Provisions of Public Health Act as to mortgages to apply;</p> <p>Mode of payment off of money borrowed;</p> <p>Sinking fund;</p> <p>Protection of lender from inquiry;</p> <p>Corporation not to regard trusts;</p> <p>Appointment of receiver;</p> <p>Power to re-borrow;</p> <p>Return respecting sinking fund to Local Government Board;</p> <p>Application of money borrowed;</p> <p>Inquiries by Local Government Board;</p> | <p>A.D. 1918.</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>Certain provisions of Act of 1900 to apply.</p> |
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shall subject to the provisions of this Act extend and apply *mutatis mutandis* to and in relation to all moneys borrowed under the powers of this Act.

16. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act (including the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and connected with the compliance with the provisions of the Borough Funds Acts 1872 and 1903) as taxed and ascertained by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the Corporation out of the borough fund or out of the borough rate of the borough or out of each of them in such proportions as the Corporation may by resolution determine or out of moneys to be borrowed for the purpose under this Act.

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The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

NAMES AND BOUNDARIES OF WARDS.

1. The Sandwell Ward is bounded on the north by Barr Lane and Newton Road on the west by All Saints Street north of the Pound Church Vale Dagger Lane • Lloyd Street the new street authorised to be made from Lloyd Street to New Street and New Street on the south by High Street and Birmingham Road and on the east by the parish boundary.

2. The Tantany Ward is bounded on the north by Woodward Street Workhouse Lane Stoney Lane Lyndon Street Hargate Lane the public road or path from Hargate Lane to Church Lane at Ridgacre Bridge and Church Lane on the west by Old Meeting Street and Bilhay Lane on the south by Dudley Road Carters Green and High Street and on the east by New Street the new street authorised to be made from New Street to Lloyd Street and Lloyd Street.

3. The Lyndon Ward is bounded on the north by the parish boundary on the west by the parish boundary Rydding Lane Wyntor Lane Coles Lane and Black Lake on the south by Church Lane the public road or path commencing at Ridgacre Bridge from Church Lane to Hargate Lane Hargate Lane Lyndon Street Stoney Lane Workhouse Lane and Woodward Street and on the east by Dagger Lane Church Vale All Saints Street north of the Pound Newton Road Barr Lane and the parish boundary.

4. The Hill Top Ward is bounded on the north and west by the parish boundary on the south by Great Bridge and Great Bridge Road and Dudley Road and on the east by Bilhay Lane Old Meeting Street north of Bilhay Lane Black Lake Coles Lane Wyntor Lane and Rydding Lane.

5. The Greets Green Ward is bounded on the north by Dudley Road Great Bridge Road and Great Bridge on the west and south by the parish boundary and on the east by Oldbury Road Albion Road Bull Lane and Claypit Lane.

6. The Town Hall Ward is bounded on the north by High Street Carters Green and Dudley Road on the west by Claypit Lane and Bull Lane and on the south and east by Albion Road Oak Road and Victoria Street.

7. The Lyng Ward is bounded on the north by High Street on the west by Victoria Street Oak Road Albion Road and Oldbury Road on the south by the parish boundary and on the east by Spon Lane. A.D. 1918.

8. The Spon Lane Ward is bounded on the north by Birmingham Road and High Street on the west by Spon Lane and on the south and east by the parish boundary.

NOTE.—Where any of the wards is stated in this schedule to be bounded by any lane road or street the middle of such lane road or street is the boundary of such ward.

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