



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART I

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Parishes

13 Constitution of parish meeting, etc.

- (1) The parish meeting of a parish shall consist of the local government electors for the parish.
- (2) Any act of a parish meeting may be signified by an instrument signed by the person presiding and two other local government electors present at the meeting, or, if an instrument under seal is required, by an instrument signed by those persons and sealed with the seal of the parish council in the case of a parish having a separate parish council or the parish trustees in any other case, if that council or those trustees have a seal, or, if they do not, with the seals of those persons.
- (3) In a parish not having a separate parish council the chairman of the parish meeting and the proper officer of the district council shall be a body corporate by the name of “the Parish Trustees” with the addition of the name of the parish.
- (4) The parish trustees of a parish shall act in accordance with any directions given by the parish meeting.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in any rule of law the parish trustees need not have a common seal, but where they have no seal any act of theirs which requires to be signified by an instrument under seal may be signified by an instrument signed and sealed by the persons who are the parish trustees.

[^{F1}(5A) If the parish has the style of community—

- (a) the parish meeting shall have the style of “community meeting”;
- (b) the parish trustees shall be known by the name of “The Community Trustees” with the addition of the name of the community.

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(5B) If the parish has the style of neighbourhood—

- (a) the parish meeting shall have the style of “neighbourhood meeting”;
- (b) the parish trustees shall be known by the name of “The Neighbourhood Trustees” with the addition of the name of the neighbourhood.

(5C) If the parish has the style of village—

- (a) the parish meeting shall have the style of “village meeting”;
- (b) the parish trustees shall be known by the name of “The Village Trustees” with the addition of the name of the village.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 13(5A)-(5C) inserted (13.2.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in [Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), **ss. 75(4), 245**; S.I. 2008/337, **art. 2(a)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 13 modified (1.4.2014) by [The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2014](#) (S.I. 2014/864), arts. 1(2), **13**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)