

2007 No. 485

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The South Norfolk (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007

Made - - - - - *21st February 2007*

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

South Norfolk 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 February 2007 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Diss, Roydon and Wymondham(d) in the district of South Norfolk and for electoral changes to thirteen wards of the district of South Norfolk and five electoral divisions of the county of Norfolk:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals and, in relation to the changes made on 1st April 2003 affecting the parishes of Alburgh, Bressingham, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Chedgrave, Colney, Cringleford, Diss, East Carleton, Ellingham, Forncett, Geldeston, Heckingham, Hethersett, Heywood, Ketteringham, Langley with Hardley, Little Melton, Loddon, Redenhall with Harleston, Roydon, Starston, Swardeston, Tacolneston and Wymondham(e), to make related alterations of the boundaries of the wards of the district of South Norfolk referred to in column (1) of Schedule 1, and the electoral divisions of the county of Norfolk referred to in column (1) of Schedule 2:

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 South Norfolk (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007.

(2) This Order, with the exception of article 7 and Schedule 2, comes into force—

(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 Diss, Roydon and Wymondham were altered by the South Norfolk (Parishes) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/730).

(e) The parish of Heywood was created by S.I. 2003/730. The areas of the parishes of Alburgh, Bressingham, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Chedgrave, Colney, Cringleford, Diss, East Carleton, Ellingham, Forncett, Geldeston, Heckingham, Hethersett, Ketteringham, Langley with Hardley, Little Melton, Loddon, Redenhall with Harleston, Roydon, Starston, Swardeston, Tacolneston and Wymondham were altered by S.I. 2003/730.

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

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

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.
- (3) Article 7 and Schedule 2 come into force—
- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election 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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“county” means the county of Norfolk;

“district” means the district of South Norfolk;

“existing”, in relation to a parish or district ward or an electoral division, means the parish, or, as the case may be, district, ward or electoral division as it exists on the date this Order is made;

“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.

Wards of the parish of Diss

- 3.—(1) The existing wards(c) of the parish of Diss shall be abolished.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish shall be thirteen.

Wards of the parish of Roydon

- 4.—(1) The existing wards(d) of the parish of Roydon shall be abolished.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish shall be nine.

Wards of the parish of Wymondham

- 5.—(1) The existing wards(e) of the parish of Wymondham shall be abolished.
- (2) The parish shall be divided into five wards which shall be named Abbey, Cromwells, Northfields, Rustens and Town.
- (3) The Abbey, Northfields, Rustens and Town wards shall be coterminous with the existing district wards of the same name, and Cromwells ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

Alteration of the areas of district wards

- 6.—(1) Each of the existing Beck Vale, Bressingham and Burston, Chedgrave and Thurton, Cringleford, Cromwells, Diss, Earsham, Gillingham, Harleston, Hethersett, Loddon, Mulbarton and Roydon district wards(a) shall be abolished.

(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 South Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/3218).

(d) See S.I. 2002/3218.

(e) See S.I. 2002/3218.

(2) Each district ward named in column (1) of Schedule 1 shall comprise the area described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes and parish wards.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each district ward named in column (1) of that Schedule shall be the number specified in respect of the district ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Alteration of the areas of county electoral divisions

7.—(1) Each of the existing Clavering, East Depwade, Forehoe, Humbleyard and Loddon county electoral divisions^(b) shall be abolished.

(2) Each county electoral division named in column (1) of Schedule 2 shall comprise the area described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to district wards and parishes.

Electoral register

8. 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 21st day of February 2007



21st February 2007

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

21st February 2007

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

(a) See S.I. 2002/3218.

(b) See the County of Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/173). The number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division is one.

SCHEDULE 1

article 6

NAMES AND AREAS OF DISTRICT WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>
<i>Name of District Ward</i>	<i>Area of District Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Beck Vale	Pulham Market parish; Pulham St Mary parish; Starston parish	1
Bressingham and Burston	Bressingham parish; Burston and Shimpling parish; Gissing parish; Heywood parish; Shelfanger parish; Winfarthing parish	1
Chedgrave and Thurton	Ashby St Mary parish; Carleton St Peter parish; Chedgrave parish; Claxton parish; Langley with Hardley parish; Thurton parish	1
Cringleford	Bawburgh parish; Colney parish; Cringleford parish; Keswick parish; Little Melton parish	2
Cromwells	Cromwells ward of the parish of Wymondham	1
Diss	Diss parish	3
Earsham	Alburgh parish; Denton parish; Earsham parish; Topcroft parish; Wortwell parish	1
Gillingham	Ellingham parish; Geldeston parish; Gillingham parish; Hales parish; Heckingham parish; Kirby Cane parish; Raveningham parish; Stockton parish	1
Harleston	Redenhall with Harleston parish	2
Hethersett	Hethersett parish	2
Loddon	Loddon parish; Sisland parish	1
Mulbarton	Bracon Ash parish; East Carleton parish; Ketteringham parish; Mulbarton parish; Swardeston parish	2
Roydon	Roydon parish	1

SCHEDULE 2

article 7

NAMES AND AREAS OF COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Name of County Electoral Division</i>	<i>Area of County Electoral Division</i>
Clavering	Ditchingham and Broome ward; Earsham ward; Gillingham ward; Thurlton ward
East Depwade	Beck Vale ward; Harleston ward; Scole ward
Forehoe	Cromwells ward; Mulbarton ward; Newton Flotman ward
Humbleyard	Cringleford ward; Hethersett ward
Loddon	Brooke ward; Chedgrave and Thurton ward; Loddon ward; Alington parish; Bedingham parish; Hellington parish; Holverstun parish; Rockland St Mary parish; Woodton parish; Yelverton parish

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for changes to the electoral arrangements for the parishes of Diss, Roydon and Wymondham, and for related alterations of the boundaries of Beck Vale, Bressingham and Burston, Chedgrave and Thurton, Cringleford, Cromwells, Diss, Earsham, Gillingham, Harleston, Hetherset, Loddon, Mulbarton and Roydon wards of the district of South Norfolk, and Clavering, East Depwade, Forehoe, Humbleyard and Loddon electoral divisions of the county of Norfolk as a result of changes to the boundaries of the parishes of Alburgh, Bressingham, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Chedgrave, Colney, Cringleford, Diss, East Carleton, Ellingham, Forncett, Geldeston, Heckingham, Hetherset, Ketteringham, Langley with Hardley, Little Melton, Loddon, Redenhall with Harleston, Roydon, Starston, Swardeston, Tacolneston and Wymondham made by the South Norfolk (Parishes) Order 2003 together with the creation of the parish of Heywood.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish and district elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, and county elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Diss and specifies the number of councillors for that parish.

Article 4 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Roydon and specifies the number of councillors for that parish.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Wymondham. That article also establishes the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 and Schedule 1 abolish the existing Beck Vale, Bressingham and Burston, Chedgrave and Thurton, Cringleford, Cromwells, Diss, Earsham, Gillingham, Harleston, Hetherset, Loddon, Mulbarton and Roydon wards of the district of South Norfolk, establish the names and areas of replacement wards and specify the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 7 and Schedule 2 abolish the existing Clavering, East Depwade, Forehoe, Humbleyard and Loddon electoral divisions of the county of Norfolk and establish the names and areas of replacement electoral divisions.

Article 8 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.