

2006 No. 3279

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Wear Valley (Parishes) Order 2006

Made - - - - 4th December 2006

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14 and 23 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(a), makes the following Order, which gives effect (with modifications) to petitions under section 11 of that Act, for the constitution as parishes of areas within the district of Wear Valley of which no parts are within a parish, and for the establishment of parish councils for those areas:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wear Valley (Parishes) Order 2006.

(2) It shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of this article and proceedings preliminary or relating to elections of parish councillors to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st April 2007.

(3) In this Order—

“the new parishes” means the parishes constituted by articles 2 and 3; and

“the maps” means the maps prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government, marked “Maps referred to in the Wear Valley (Parishes) Order 2006” and deposited in accordance with regulation 6(1) of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999(b).

Constitution of a new parish of Greater Willington

2.—(1) A new parish, comprising the area outlined in blue on map 1, shall be constituted within the district of Wear Valley.

(2) The name of the new parish shall be Greater Willington.

(a) 1997 c. 29
(b) S.I. 1999/545

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Constitution of a new parish of Bishop Auckland

3.—(1) A new parish comprising the area outlined in blue on map 2, shall be constituted within the district of Wear Valley.

(2) The name of the new parish shall be Bishop Auckland.

Directions to establish parish councils

4. The Wear Valley District Council is hereby directed to establish parish councils for the new parishes.

Transitional Provision

5.—(1) Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Greater Willington at the elections to be held on the ordinary day of election in 2007 come into office, the parish shall be represented by those persons who, immediately before 1st April 2007, are the elected councillors for the district wards of Willington Central and Willington West End.

(2) Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Bishop Auckland at the elections to be held on the ordinary day of election in 2007 come into office, the parish of Bishop Auckland shall be represented by those persons who, immediately before 1st April 2007, are the elected councillors for the district wards of Bishop Auckland Town, Cockton Hill, Woodhouse Close and Henknowle.

Order Date

6. 1st April 2007 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



A Senior Civil Servant
in the Department for Communities and Local Government

4 December 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect (with modifications) to petitions sent to the Secretary of State for the creation as parishes of areas within the district of Wear Valley and for the establishment of parish councils for those areas. The modifications relate to the proposed boundary for Greater Willington, which the Secretary of State has concluded requires a slight amendment. A map forming part of this note gives a general guide to the area concerned.

Article 2 creates a new parish to be called Greater Willington.

Article 3 creates a new parish to be called Bishop Auckland.

Article 4 directs the Wear Valley District Council to establish parish councils for the new parishes.

Article 5 (1) provides for the parish of Greater Willington to be represented by the district councillors elected for the district wards of Willington Central and Willington West End until councillors for the new parish, to be elected on the ordinary day of election in 2007, come into office.

Article 5 (2) provides for the parish of Bishop Auckland to be represented by the district councillors elected for the district wards of Bishop Auckland Town, Cockton Hill, Woodhouse Close and Henknowle until councillors for the new parish, to be elected on the ordinary day of election in 2007, come into office.

Article 6 specifies 1st April 2007 as the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999, which make provision of general application in relation to orders such as this Order.

Prints of the maps referred to in the Order may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the offices of the Wear Valley District Council, Civic Centre, Crook, County Durham, DL15 9ES and at the Department for Communities and Local Government, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

