
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3349

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Gravesham (Parishes) Order 1999

Made - - - - 10th December 1999

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 14 and 23 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order which gives effect (without modification) to recommendations made to him by Gravesham Borough Council, following a review conducted by them in accordance with section 11 of that Act, which include the constitution of a new parish within the borough of Gravesham, the establishment of a parish council for that area, and the alteration of the areas of the parishes of Luddesdown and Meopham.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. - (1) This Order may be cited as the Gravesham (Parishes) Order 1999.

(2) It shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

(3) In this Order -

“existing” means existing on the day on which this Order is made; and

“the map” means the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, marked “Map of the Gravesham (Parishes) Order 1999” and deposited in accordance with regulation 6(1) of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999(b).

Constitution of new parish

2. - (1) A new parish, comprising the area delineated by a blue line on the map, shall be constituted within the borough of Gravesham.

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

Direction to establish parish council and specification of order date

3. - (1) The Gravesham Borough Council is hereby directed to establish a parish council for the parish of Vigo.

(2) 1st April 2000 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999.

Alterations of parish areas and consequential electoral alterations

4. - (1) The area of the new parish of Vigo shall cease to be part of the existing parish of Meopham, and the existing parish ward of Vigo shall be abolished.

(2) As a consequence of paragraph (1), the councillors holding office immediately before 30th March 2000 for the parish ward of Vigo in the parish of Meopham shall retire on 30th March 2000.

(3) Subject to Article 5, that part of the area of the existing parish ward of Vigo which is not included in the new parish shall be added to the existing parish ward of Priesthood.

(4) The parish of Meopham, as it exists in consequence of paragraphs (1) and (3) and Article 5, shall consist of the existing parish wards of Church and Nurstead and the parish ward of Priesthood.

(5) With effect from the first election of councillors for the parish of Meopham to be held after the date on which this Order comes into force, there shall be four parish councillors for the parish ward of Priesthood.

5. The area marked "A" on the map shall be transferred from the parish of Meopham to the parish of Luddesdown and from the borough electoral ward of Meopham South to the borough electoral ward of Cobham and Luddesdown.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for the Environment, Transport and the Regions



A Senior Civil Servant in the Department of the
Environment, Transport and the Regions

10 December 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made to the Secretary of State for the creation as a parish of an area within the borough of Gravesham, for the establishment of a parish council for that area, and for related alterations. A map forming part of this note gives a general guide to the area concerned.

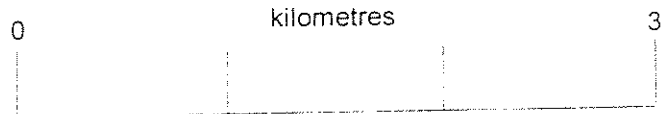
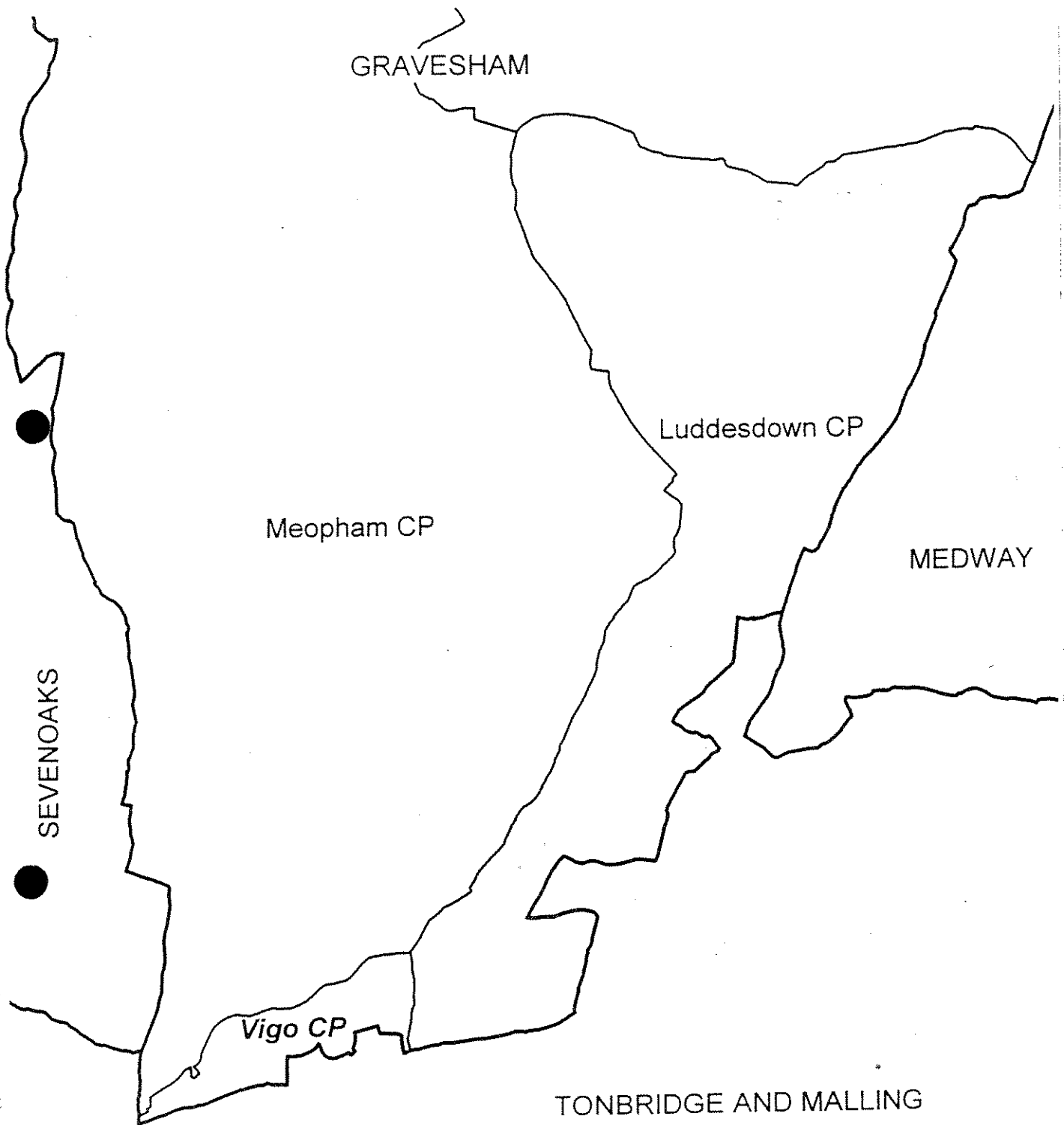
Article 2 creates the new parish, to be called Vigo. The new parish will comprise most of the existing Vigo ward of Meopham parish within the area of the Meopham South borough electoral ward.

Article 3 directs the Gravesham Borough Council to establish a parish council for the new parish, and specifies 1st April 2000 as the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) Regulations 1999.

Article 4 makes a consequential reduction in the area of the parish of Meopham, abolishes the Vigo ward of that parish, adds to the Priesthood ward part of the former Vigo ward that is not included in the new parish, and provides for the representation of the Priesthood ward on the Meopham Parish Council to increase from 3 to 4 parish councillors.

Article 5 transfers a small area of land from the existing Vigo ward of the parish of Meopham to the parish of Luddesdown and makes a consequential alteration in the borough electoral wards of Meopham South and Cobham and Luddesdown.

Prints of the map referred to in the Order may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the offices of the Gravesham Borough Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5DU.



New Parish named in bold italics