

2006 No. 3114

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Uttlesford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006

Made - - - - *23rd November 2006*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Uttlesford District Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission(b) proposals dated August 2005 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Saffron Walden(c) and Swards End(d) in the district of Uttlesford.

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals.

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(e) and 23(f) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Uttlesford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006.
- (2) This Order comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of article 5(1) and for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Saffron Walden and Swards End, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors(g) 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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“existing”, in relation to a parish ward, means the parish ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

(a) 1997 c.29. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(b) 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).

(c) The area of the parish of Saffron Walden was altered by the Uttlesford (Parishes) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2407).

(d) The parish of Swards End was created by S.I. 2003/2407.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

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

(g) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2), 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).

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Uttlesford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006” of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission.

Elections for the parish of Swards End

3.—(1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Swards End shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, 2011 and every fourth year after 2011(a).

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 for the parish of Swards End shall be four years.

(3) Each such parish councillor shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011 and the newly elected parish councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Swards End

4. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Swards End shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Saffron Walden

5.—(1) The existing Swards End ward(b) of the parish of Saffron Walden shall be abolished.

(2) The existing Audley, Castle and Shire wards of the parish of Saffron Walden shall be abolished.

(3) The parish of Saffron Walden shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Audley, Castle and Shire.

(4) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be five.

Map

6. Uttlesford District Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral register

7. The registration officer(c) for the district of Uttlesford 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.

Revocation

8. Article 6(2) of the District of Uttlesford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001(d) is revoked.

(a) Article 3 provides for parish elections in the parish of Swards End in 2007, 2011 and every four years after 2011 in accordance with the system of parish elections every four years, as established by section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70).

(b) S.I. 2003/2407 was made in exercise of the Secretary of State’s powers to alter the area of a parish. The Secretary of State’s powers to abolish or create a parish ward were transferred to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(c) As to registration officers, and their duties in respect of the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

(d) S.I. 2001/2434.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 23rd day of November 2006



23rd November 2006

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

23rd November 2006

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for electoral arrangements for the parish of Swards End, created from part of the parish of Saffron Walden within the district of Uttlesford by the Uttlesford (Parishes) Order 2003, and for changes to electoral arrangements for the parish of Saffron Walden.

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

Article 3 provides for parish elections in the parish of Swards End in 2007, 2011 and every four years after 2011.

Article 4 specifies the number of parish councillors for the parish of Swards End.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Saffron Walden. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of the altered parish of Saffron Walden and the numbers of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 8 revokes article 6(2) of the District of Uttlesford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new wards of the parish of Saffron Walden. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Uttlesford District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.