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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1983 No. 1868

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES  
CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

**The Parish of Morpeth Order 1983**

*Made* . . . . . 15th December 1983

*Coming into Operation—*

*for the purposes*

*described in article 2(1) -*

1st January 1984

*for all other purposes -*

1st April 1984

Whereas the Borough Council of Castle Morpeth, acting pursuant to section 48(8) of the Local Government Act 1972(a), has made recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for proposals about the creation of a new parish in the area of the former borough of Morpeth:

And whereas the said Commission has seen fit, pursuant to sections 47, 48(9) and 51(1) of that Act, on 12th July 1982, to make the recommended proposals to the Secretary of State:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those proposals without modification:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under sections 51(2) and 67(4) and (5) of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Parish of Morpeth Order 1983.

2.— (1) 1st January 1984 is hereby specified as the day on which this order shall come into operation for any purpose set out in regulation 4(1) (coming into operation of order) of the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(b).

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(a) 1972 c. 70.

(b) S.I. 1976/246, as amended by S.I. 1978/247.

(2) For all other purposes this order shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

### *Interpretation*

3. In this order—

“the borough” means the borough of Castle Morpeth, and “the borough council” means the council of the borough;

“the new parish” means the parish of Morpeth constituted by this order; and

“the new parish council” means the parish council of the new parish.

### *Changes in areas*

4.—(1) There shall be constituted in the borough a parish to be known as the parish of Morpeth, consisting of the area of the former borough of Morpeth.

(2) Nothing in this order shall affect any electoral division of the county of Northumberland, ward of the borough, petty sessional division or coroner's district.

### *Parish council*

5.—(1) There shall be a parish council for the new parish.

(2) The new parish shall be divided into 5 parish wards to be known as Central, Kirkehill, North, South and Stobhill, which shall respectively comprise the areas, as at 1st January 1984, of the corresponding wards of the borough. There shall be 3 councillors for each ward.

(3) Elections of parish councillors of the new parish shall be held on such day prior to 1st April 1984 as the returning officer shall appoint and the parish council election rules for the time being in force shall apply to the said elections with any necessary modifications.

(4) The persons elected as councillors as the result of the said elections shall come into office on 1st April 1984, and shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

(5) The annual meeting of the new parish council for 1984 shall be held on or before 14th April 1984, and shall be convened by the officer appointed for that purpose by the borough council.

### *Parish meeting*

6.—(1) The parish meeting for the new parish shall assemble on or before 28th April 1984. The assembly shall be convened by the officer appointed for that purpose by the borough council.

(2) If such assembly is held before the annual meeting of the new parish council, the parish meeting may appoint a person to take the chair, and that person shall have, for the purposes of that meeting, the powers and authority

*Expenses of new parish council*

7. In the year beginning on 1st April 1984, the borough council shall levy rates in the new parish and make payments to the new parish council as if the new parish council had issued a precept to the borough council requiring the payment of a sum not exceeding the product of a rate of 2p. in the pound calculated on the total rateable value as set out in the valuation list on 1st April 1984.

*Statutory definitions of areas*

8. In any application of paragraph (1) (statutory definitions of areas) of regulation 40 of the Regulations mentioned in article 2(1) to a reference to the area of the former borough of Morpeth, the following provision, namely—

“For any reference to the area of the former borough of Morpeth there shall be substituted a reference to the parish of Morpeth”

shall have effect in place of sub-paragraph (b).

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State  
15th December 1983.

*J. P. G. Rowcliffe,*  
An Under Secretary in the  
Department of the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the order.)*

This order creates, in the borough of Castle Morpeth, a new parish of Morpeth comprising the area of the former borough of Morpeth

The map forming part of this Note (page 4) shows the area involved as from 1st April 1984.

The new parish will have approximately an area of 900 hectares, a population of 14,301 and a rateable value of £1,711,102.

The order establishes a parish council for the new parish.

Incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision for orders such as the present one is made by the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976 (see article 2(1)).

Those Regulations will transfer property within the definition of “parish matters” in Schedule 6 thereto from the Castle Morpeth borough council to the new parish council. A further transfer of property may be effected by a second order, when the borough council and the new parish council have been able to consider this together.

# Parishes as from 1 April 1984



Name of new parish shown in bold italics

0 5 Kilometres