

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – NETLEY MARSH PARISH

At the request of the Netley Marsh Parish Council, New Forest District Council is undertaking a “community governance review” of the electoral arrangements of Netley Marsh Parish Council with a view to removing the two wards of the Parish Council, Netley Marsh North and Netley Marsh South.

The District Council has set the following terms of reference for the review:

“In response to a request from Netley Marsh Parish Council, to review the current warding arrangements for the parish with a view to determining whether the current two wards of the Parish Council should be discontinued.”

The current two wards of the Parish Council are shown on the map below.

There are currently 1,722 electors in Netley Marks Parish, with 7 Parish Councillors:

Ward	Electorate	No. of Councillors
Netley Marsh North	322	1
Netley Marsh South	1,400	6

The Parish Council considers the two wards unnecessary and that the existence of the two wards causes some confusion to residents. There are additional administrative and cost implications arising from two wards, particularly arising from elections when separate notices, ballot papers, poll cards, etc., have to be prepared.

If residents have any views they would like the District Council to consider they should send them to:

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Responses must be received by Friday 20 July 2018.