



## **SHOULD THE TWO WARDS OF NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL BE DISCONTINUED?**

Netley Marsh Parish Council is divided into two wards for electoral purposes – Netley Marsh North and Netley Marsh South. The two wards are shown on the map below. Netley Marsh North has 324 electors, and Netley Marsh South 1,384.

It is unusual for a relatively small parish like Netley Marsh to be divided into wards, and the Parish Council has requested that the warding arrangements be abolished. One Parish Councillor represents the residents of Netley Marsh North Ward and six represent those living within Netley Marsh South.

New Forest District Council has power to change a Parish Council's electoral areas after following certain statutory requirements, which include consulting local residents who are eligible to vote. This article is the first stage of consulting local residents on the request to discontinue the two wards of the Parish Council. There will be further consultation as the process moves forward.

If the Parish Council's request is agreed, all seven Parish Councillors will represent the whole of the Parish. The new arrangements would come into effect at the next ordinary election of Councillors in May 2019.

### **Tell us what you think:**

Please send your views on the proposed change by e-mail or letter to arrive by not later than Monday 16 April 2018 to:

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### **Next steps:**

If, after considering the responses to this consultation, the District Council decides to move to the next stage of the statutory process, the District Council's proposals will be published and further views invited.