

Appendix 5: Proposed Parish/Town/Community Council Councillor Numbers

<u>Proposed New Parish/Town/Community Council</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Proposed number of Cllrs</u>	<u>notes</u>
Kemsley Parish Council	4654	9	Bench marked against Bobbing PC with population figure of 4524, 7 cllrs (4 vacancies)
Milton Regis Town Council	4825	9	Same as above
Murston Parish Council	4586	9	Same as above
Grove Park Community Council	2568	7	Minimum number of Cllrs
Halfway Parish Council	3571	7	Benchmarked against above figures to achieve balance
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Extension of Tonge Council to include Great Easthall

Tonge Parish Council currently has 5 parish councillors. Proposal to extend to include additional electors from unparished Great Easthall Area

Extension of Bobbing Parish Council to include all of The Meads, and removal of Grove Park

Benchmarked against proposals for new parishes above. Tonge Parish council currently have 5 seats. It has been suggested that 7 would be suitable for the increase in electorate size, along with supporting improving its ability to be quorate.
 7 Bobbing Parish Council already has 11 seats. Through the proposals, it will not see a significant change in electorate and it is therefore proposed to not increase the number of seats.
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Points of consideration when setting Cllr numbers

1. Number of electors (useful to benchmark against parish councils of a similar electorate size)
2. Number of wards (where applicable, as each ward requires appropriate representation)
3. Community identity and geography (larger or more rural parishes may require a higher number of councillors to ensure adequate representation)
4. Functions and services (where a council is responsible for a wider range of services, a larger council may help ensure a broader mix of skills and capacity among members)
5. Ability to recruit councillors (the number should be realistic and take account of the likelihood of attracting sufficient candidates to fill all seats)

