

## What is the Annual Parish Meeting?

The Local Government Act states that every parish must have an Annual Parish Meeting and it must be held between 1st March & 1st June. Proceedings must not begin before 6pm.

The Chairman of the Parish Council (or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is unable to attend) must preside. If neither is available the meeting elects a Chairman from the local electors for the parish who are present. The Agenda is a standard agenda.

The purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is for the Parish Council to report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the last year. There can also be reports from County and District Councillors and from any voluntary groups, community groups, local community police and others as appropriate. Any member of the public may attend and participate in the meeting.

It is also an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions on any issues relating to the parish and to make statements on relevant matters. If any resolutions are proposed, only those registered as electors in the parish may vote. However, any resolutions passed by electors are 'persuasive' only and may be legally disregarded by the Parish Council.

A lot of councils provide refreshments and make the meeting a enjoyable social event celebrating village activities.

Feb07