

# Annual Parish Meeting - FAQ

## **What is the Annual Parish Meeting?**

It is a yearly meeting held between March 1st and June 1st, which offers local groups, organisations and electors to meet and discuss matters arising in their local area. Attendees can speak openly and ask questions, answered by the Clerk, the Chair or a designated Councillor.

## **What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting?**

Predominantly, it is to give local groups a platform to speak to residents about what they have been working on in the community for the past year, as well as their plans for the future.

This year, the Police and Crime Commissioner is delivering an update on the proposed Old Sarum Police Hub, Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is presenting on Cyber Crime Protection, and Age UK is sharing news on the new Community Connector Programme.

The Parish Council's Chair will also provide an overview of the Council's main actions over the past year, as well as a summary of the annual finances.

Because of the informal set-up the Annual Parish Meeting has, electors can openly raise questions or concerns relating to any of the presentations.

## **What else can be expected at the meeting?**

Electors will have the opportunity to vote on any decisions that need to be made. Each elector will be given voting cards to hold up to indicate their decision when required.

Even if not presenting, many local groups and clubs are invited to attend. During the meeting break-out, refreshments and light bites will be provided, offering plenty of time for open discussion.

## **How long will the meeting last?**

The length of the meeting is dependent on the number of electors present, how many questions are asked and the discussion points that are raised. Generally, the meeting will not last longer than two hours.

## **I can't attend. How can I find out what happened?**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting shall be drawn up and reviewed shortly after the event. Draft minutes will be published on our website and displayed on noticeboards.

See also

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/schedule/12/part/II>