



## Annual Parish Meeting – FAQs

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

There can be, and often is, confusion between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1st March and 1st June.

West Horsley's next Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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

The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council and other local organisations can explain what they have been doing over the last year. It also enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish.

### **What else happens at the meeting?**

In recent years we have invited local societies and other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide to speak about the work of their group.

This year we welcome David Nolan from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. We will also be running talks and demonstrations on 'Why, When, Where and How to Use a Defibrillator'.

### **Who can attend the meeting?**

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all electors of the Parish. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

### **Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?**

Any registered elector may ask questions of the Council which will usually be answered by the Chair, the Clerk to the Council, or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of the parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

### **Will Parish Councillors be there?**

All Councillors representing the Parish will be invited to attend. Councillors will have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish. However, the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to find out what is going on in their parish and to have their say.

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