



The Annual Parish Meeting – 20 May 2019

What's the purpose of the meeting?

The Local Government Act 1972 states that 'for every parish there shall be a Parish Meeting for the purpose of discussing parish affairs and exercising any functions conferred on such meetings by any enactment...'.

A Parish Meeting is a meeting of the people of the Parish. It is a meeting to enable electors to have their say on anything they consider important to the people of the Parish. It also gives your Parish Council an opportunity to update the attendees on what it has been doing over the last year.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors of the Parish. It is NOT a meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Landford Parish (which serves Hamptworth, Nomansland and Landford) may vote.

Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Yes, any registered elector may speak. Any matter pertinent to the Parish may be discussed at a Parish Meeting. Questions for the Parish Council will usually be answered by the Chair or the Clerk to the Council. 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.

Who will chair the meeting?

The Chair of the Parish Council will chair the meeting.

Will notes be taken of the meeting?

Yes, a written record of the meeting will be taken and published. The minutes will be signed by the Chair of the meeting at a Parish Council meeting.

What else happens at the meeting?

In recent years local clubs, societies and other voluntary and statutory organisations have attended to provide an exhibition and/or a representative to speak about the work of their group.

How long will the meeting last?

As long as need be within reason. It really depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. Generally, the meeting will last no longer than 2 hours.