Hargrave Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

If there is an item you would like placed on the agenda for discussion with fellow members of the electorate, please notify the Parish Clerk, before 26th April 2024.

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<u>Annual meeting and annual parish meeting – what's the difference?</u>

There's sometimes a bit of confusion between an annual meeting of the council and the annual parish meeting.

They are not the same thing, but there are two different meetings which are generally held about this time of year.

An annual meeting is held to do those things that only need doing once a year, such as electing a chairman, vice-chairman, committees, etc.

This meeting can sometimes be (incorrectly) called the annual general meeting, but this can cause confusion with the second meeting.

The annual parish meeting (or annual town meeting) is, in legal terms, a quite separate body from the council, but it is invariably the council which arranges it.

The annual parish meeting is open to all electors of a town or parish, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest.

This meeting has its own minutes, which should be kept separately from the council minutes, and these minutes can only be approved by the next annual parish meeting which will, of course, not be held until the following year.

Any decisions made by the Annual Parish Meeting are not binding on the parish council.

The annual parish meeting must be held each year between March 1 and June 1