

Annual Balsall Parish Meeting

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6.00 pm. Meeting in 2018 is planned for this Thursday 31 May 2018.

Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting

It enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the parish.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors for the parish. It is NOT a Meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Balsall parish may speak and vote.

Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by the Chairman, the Clerk to the Council, or a designated Councillor.

An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Balsall parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Who will chair the meeting?

The Chairman of the Parish Council will chair the meeting. If the Chairman is not able to attend, then the Vice Chair will preside.

Will Parish Councillors be there?

Usually they do attend. But the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and if electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

Will notes be taken of the meeting?

Yes, a written note of the meeting will be taken by the Clerk and will be presented at a future meeting of the Council for their consideration.

What else happens at the meeting?

Representatives from HS2 have been invited to this year's meeting and they will make a presentation about the latest construction plans for the HS2 project. There will be an opportunity for electors to ask questions.

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.