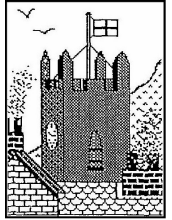


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The month of May is the start of the new municipal year. This means that the Parish Council holds its Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). It would be usual to think this was the AGM, but Parish Council's don't hold AGM's. The correct title is the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The first item on the APCM Agenda **must** be the Election of Chairman who must then read aloud and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The next item is the Election of Vice Chairman, who also reads and signs their Declaration of Acceptance Office.

Smaller Councils do not elect Parish Representatives, but Chulmleigh does, and the following Councillors were duly elected on Wednesday, 1 May 2024:

Chairman:	Simon Phillips
Vice Chairman:	Deborah Phillips
Planning Committee:	Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Farlam, E Phillips, G Sherman, Ms Trehwitt
Finance Committee:	Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Ives, Mrs Stanton, Ms Trehwitt, Tyldesley
Environment Committee:	Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Farlam, G Sherman, Mrs Sherman, C Stanton
HR Committee:	Chair, Vice Chair
Footpaths and Bridleways:	Councillors G and Mrs S Sherman
Allotment Committee:	Councillors Ives, Ms Trehwitt and Tyldesley
Town Hall Committee:	Councillor Tyldesley
Parochial Charities:	Councillor Mrs D Phillips
Parish Agricultural Adviser:	Councillor S Phillips
Climate Change:	Cllrs S Sherman, Mrs S Sherman, Mrs A Stanton
Checking of defibrillator	Councillor Farlam
Inspection of Davy Park	
Play Equipment	Councillor Mrs S Sherman

The APCM is also a good time to review compliance and Policies, and this was also covered at the APCM.

Also in May, the year end accounts are approved as well as the Annual Governance and Annual Return (AGAR) in preparation for audit.

Parish Councils with an income or expenditure under £25,000 are able to exempt themselves from an external audit but for those with income or expenditure above this amount, as well as an internal audit, relevant paperwork has to be submitted for an external audit to be carried out.

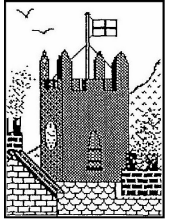
An internal audit doesn't mean that someone from the Parish Council looks at the figures. An independent qualified auditor must do this and Westcotts Accountants in Barnstaple have been appointed. They did last year's audit and were excellent.

The external audit is carried out by P K F Littlejohn LLP, based in London. They, along with other accountants, bid for the opportunity to do the external audits of Town and Parish

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Councils, City and Metropolitan Councils and those in the higher echelons of government deemed that they were appointed again for a further 5 years.

When the AGAR is submitted, explanations of the variation of figures between the year ending 31/3/23 and the year ending 31/3/24 have to be explained, with a £2 allowance for rounding figures up or down to the nearest pound.

Annual Parish Meeting. This is a legal meeting that must be held between 1 March and 1 June. In the past, organisations have been invited to give a report or send one which is read on its behalf.

This year we thought we'd do it differently, and invite various organisations, especially those who receive grants from the Parish Council, to come along and showcase the activities of their organisation by having a table to promote themselves.

It was a huge success with the upper hall in the Town Hall packed. The following organisations were represented:

- Activity Bus
- Brownies
- Chulmleigh and District History Society
- Chulmleigh Society
- Community College and Primary School
- Congregational Church
- Cricket Club
- Lights Committee
- Parish Church
- Parish Council
- Youth Football Club

Councillor S Phillips, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone and gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council.

The whole evening was friendly and interesting, with members of the public and those present speaking to others and, as one person said "it has been really worthwhile coming as I've seen people who I haven't seen for a long while and it has been good to have a catch up".

By the end of the evening, more organisations who had representatives in the room there for other organisations, expressed the wish to be involved in next year's Annual Parish Meeting. Refreshments were served throughout and thanks go to Councillors Ann and Chris Stanton, Jean Trehwitt and Simon Phillips for helping with this.

The next big event being organised by the Parish Council is the

Defibrillator Awareness Session - Wednesday, 26 June 2024 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

People wishing to attend must register first with the Parish Clerk:
chulmleighparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com or phone 01598 710526.

From 19 June, please contact Cllr Mrs Shelley Sherman to register: 01769 580086

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