

Notice For a Parish Meeting on the 16th of January 2025

7pm in St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel

The process of dissolving the Parish Council in favour of a Parish Meeting is expected to be complete by the 1st of April 2025. The Parish Council will need to set a budget and precept for the financial year 2025/26 by the 31st of January.

To assist the Parish Council in setting the budget, you are invited to attend a Parish Meeting to discuss what should be covered in the budget. Last year's budget set a precept of £600 which equates to around £6 per property depending on the Council Tax band.

Agenda

1. Review and approval of Annual Parish Meeting Minutes of the 30th of May 2024
 - a. Update on the status of actions arising.
2. Update on the status of the Governance Review
 - a. The transition from the Parish Council to the Parish Meeting will require the assets and bank account to be transferred to the Parish Meeting.
 - b. The role of the Chairman, is a clerk required?
 - c. Gaining involvement in the activities of the Parish Meeting – any volunteers?
3. Budget Discussion
 - a. The 2024/25 budget covered the following items:
 - i. Maintenance of parish assets
 1. Defibrillators
 2. Notice boards
 3. Benches
 - ii. Sydenham Damerel Parish Council website
 - iii. Meeting fees
 - iv. Public liability insurance
 - v. Other Items
 - b. The Parish Council's bank account has a healthy balance. Are there any big-ticket items that should be considered?
 - i. A grant from the Parish Council towards the cost of the "Heating & Seating" project in St Mary's. This project is for the benefit of the whole community as it will improve the facility of our only communal space for events as well as worship.