

Northleigh Parish Meeting 2025

The organisations of this village are immensely proud of it, and recognise the importance of the co-operation and interdependence of its residents alongside those of its neighbouring community to the continued success of its existence. Like many villages, Northleigh depends on a smaller section of people who try to deliver what they think the residents need towards this but recognise that not all of its residents may be aware of all its activities and efforts. This is becoming particularly so in an ever-growing digital age. It is also recognised that with quite a lot of changes over the past few years, there are residents who have not yet taken advantage of activities or events here. One of the ways that villagers can learn about these, and can also contribute or express their views, ideas and wishes is to come to the **Annual Parish Meeting**.

Despite its name this meeting is NOT a Council meeting. It might be better called the Residents' meeting.

It is, however, required by law to be held annually between April and June and, where there is a Parish Council as in Northleigh, it is usually convened by the Parish Chairman but its content can cover anything the residents would like to be covered. The Parish Clerk produces minutes of the meeting.

Residents can let the Parish Clerk know if there are things they would like to have on the agenda up to the meeting itself, but preferably in advance, hear more about something that interests or concerns them, or suggest things that they would like to happen in the village, but it is also the responsibility of all the organisations or activity groups within the village to let everyone know about what they do and have achieved in the past year, together with any plans for the coming year, and answer any questions from those attending.

This year the meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 6th May at 7:30pm, and refreshments will be provided following the meeting, giving a further opportunity to chat with and get to know others within the village. Although it is primarily intended for residents of the Parish, because the Parish boundary is so confusing it is extended to include all those people, young or older, who consider themselves part of Northleigh's larger and very welcome community.

Please make a note of this date and do your best to attend, especially if you are new to this village community or new to village life. You can be assured of a warm welcome. If you know of anyone who does not receive this email, please let them know about this meeting. If you intend to come it would also be helpful to let the Parish Clerk know this in advance - to ensure refreshments are adequate.

The Parish Clerk is Jenny Greenway, and is contactable on 01404 871506, or by email at clerk2northleighpc@gmail.com

As you have probably heard by now, I have decided that I am too old to continue to remain on the Parish Council and will be retiring from the date of their meeting on 13 May this year (we only meet every second month now).

It has been my pleasure to be a Parish Councillor for about 20 years now, and Chairman for the past two years. But now is the time for me to pass the baton over to a new mind and younger body, who will hopefully get as much enjoyment and fulfilment out of the role as I have. There will then be a vacancy and I hope that someone out there with a bit more energy than I can now muster will be willing to give the Parish Council a try and I'm sure they won't regret it. I'll happily talk about this with anyone interested and the Clerk's details are above.

Tony Lear
Chair
Northleigh Parish Council