**BURLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 18:00

Westleigh URC

**A MEETING** of the **PARISH** will be held at Westleigh URC on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 18:00.

**ALL ELECTORS** of the **PARISH** are welcome to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

**Please Note:** Under the Local Government Act, it is mandatory for every parish to hold an Annual Parish Meeting once a year between the dates of 1st March and 1st June. The meeting must commence after 18:00 and is not governed by the same rules and regulations as a Parish Council meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting and is presided over by the Chairman of the Parish Council (or vice-chair in their absence) only if a Parish Council exists. Otherwise, the meeting elects its own Chairman.

The Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting is a standard agenda that reports on the business conducted during the preceding 12 months. Reports are presented by the Parish Council on its activities over the previous year, County and District Councillors, and any voluntary or local community groups. The meeting also offers parishioners the opportunity to ask questions of people and organisations concerning any matters relating to the village.

Members of the public are allowed to make statements on relevant issues during the meeting. However, any resolutions passed during the Annual Parish Meeting do not bind the Parish Council.

**LEWIS WORROW**

Chairman

11 May 2023

**AGENDA**

1 **Reports**

To receive and consider the reports as follows:

* Burlescombe Parish Council

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Burlescombe Parish Council for 2023. Our Council is dedicated to providing the best services to our community while ensuring value for money. We have made significant changes to our precept, resulting in a 12.21% reduction for 2023/24, saving residents £5.76 due to the tax cuts. Additionally, we are focusing on providing value for money and transparency, which is estimated to save £2,272.76 in 2023/24, equivalent to £2.32 per resident.

Burlescombe Parish Council has the second-highest spend per capita in the Canonsleigh area, which is a testament to our commitment to providing high-quality services to our residents. We will continue to work hard to maintain this standard and improve where necessary.

As your local representatives, we value your opinions and feedback. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us, so we can better serve your needs. We have established various feedback mechanisms, including surveys, public meetings, and other forms of communication to provide you with the opportunity to express your opinions.

Your feedback is important to us, and we would like to thank those residents who have provided feedback to the council. Your input helps us to improve our services and decision-making processes. We have taken your feedback into account, and we are actively working to address your concerns.

Looking ahead, we have scheduled council meetings for August 10 2023 and November 9 2023. During these meetings, we will continue to discuss and make decisions on issues that affect our community.

We would like to thank all members of the Council for their hard work and dedication to the community. We also extend our gratitude to our residents for their continued support and trust in our Council. We are committed to working for the betterment of the community and will continue to provide the best services while ensuring value for money.

* Devon County Council
* Mid Devon District Council
* Voluntary or Local Community Groups

2 **Public Question Time**

To receive any questions from parishioners on any matters relating to the village.

3 **Parish Polls**

To receive any demands for a parish poll.

**Please Note:** A poll may be demanded before the end of a parish meeting on any question arising at the meeting, but no poll shall be held unless the person presiding at the meeting consents to it or the poll is demanded by 10 or one third of the local government electors present (whichever figure is the less) call for it.

The parish meeting does not vote on whether or not to have a poll once this call has been made.

The poll is a poll of the local government electors of the parish; there is no provision for a ward poll.