

## Update From Engagement and Participation Working Group

## Background

The working group met on 30<sup>th</sup> January to discuss work required up until the elections in May.

It was noted that the previous focus of the group to raise awareness of the upcoming boundary changes was almost complete and focus now needed to shift to the engagement of people whishing to stand to be parish councillors.

It was noted that there is an upcoming webinar being run by Wiltshire Council for those individuals interesting in standing to be Parish Councillors.

Discussion turned to how else to promote and provide information to residents in the parish. It was acknowledged that the annual parish meeting was a good opportunity to engage with those individuals who may wish to stand.

There was discussion on the best way to engage with Sandy Lane, it was noted that a leafleting this area may be of benefit to raise awareness.

## Tasks Required;

Promotion of Wiltshire council webinar. Promotion of local elections. Promotion of annual parish meeting. Articles in local media.

## **Request**

Council approves the date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 starting at 7.30 with a specific focus on local elections and standing to be a parish councillor.

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