

Roydon Parish Council

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The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on
Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is an informal meeting of the electors of the parish of Roydon and is a chance for those electors to raise and discuss issues which affect the parish and residents. It is expected that the meeting will last about 45 minutes, with the Annual Parish Council meeting following on from this at approximately 8pm.

The agenda for the meeting is:

7.00 pm Refreshments available prior to the start of the meeting.

7.15 pm Meeting opened by the Parish Council Chair, Paul Curson, with an introduction to the proceedings and a brief review of the year's Parish Council activity. There will be the opportunity for questions regarding these activities at the end of the review.

7.30 pm Graham Minshull will give us a brief insight into the planning process followed by questions.

7.50 pm Public Forum

18 residents attended this meeting.

Councillor Paul Curson (PC) opened the meeting and explained that this is a resident meeting for all to get involved in. PC noted that this year the Parish Council achievements were: the Neighbourhood Plan is nearly completed, the streetlights have been replaced, the footpath group have been active around the village and the Brewers Green committee have been actively looking after the green.

Residents' comments:

Following the drainage works on the A1066, the verges have been left in a poor and untidy condition. This comment will be passed onto Keith Kiddie (KK).

The coppice on Swamp Lane is being used as a BMX track making it difficult to walk along. PC replied that this has been used for a number of years for this purpose.

Crossing the A1066 is very difficult and motorists do not take any notice of the pinch points which are used for crossing. PC explained that in recent years the County Council had done a traffic survey and as a result this road did not qualify for a zebra crossing. PC agreed to raise this with KK again to see if there is anything we can do. JJ informed the resident that the bollards are due to be replaced which should make the pinch points more visible.

A question was raised about who is responsible for the trees and hedges along the roads. PC responded that these were the responsibility of the land owners but that the Parish Council did send letters to these owners asking that the problem was rectified. If we get no response Highways can take action and then pass the cost onto the landowner.

A resident commented on the footpath/walking route leaflets being very good. JJ commented that the Parish Council are trying to arrange organised walks along these footpaths.

District Councillor Graham Minshull (GM) gave an interesting talk about the planning process. He explained that he sits on the Development Management Committee, whose members are trained and accredited, with regular updating.

GM made the following points regarding planning applications:

Applicants should ask the planning department for advice on whether a planning application is needed for a project.

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He is often asked about building projects that have not applied for planning permission. Permission is not needed before work commences but any building work is done at the owner's risk i.e. this may need to be removed. The County Council cannot stop work which is being undertaken.

Anyone can put an application in for land they do not own.

Buyers should beware of cheap parcels of land that they intend to build on. If the land is cheap it is often because it is unlikely to get planning permission.

The lack of enough local schools, doctors or dentists is not a planning consideration and therefore these comments cannot be considered.

There is no right to a view, so commenting that a development obstructs a view is not a planning consideration.

The planning committee have to have a good reason to refuse a developer's planning application.

Many of these larger developers will appeal a refusal and if the appeal is found in favour of the developer the Council will be liable for the costs which could amount to thousands of pounds.