



WEST DEAN  
Parish Council

## Important Message from West Dean Parish Council

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By law, West Dean Parish Council must hold their Annual Parish Council Meeting within 14 days of the 06 May 2021 election. However: -

1. after 06 May 2021 it is no longer permitted to convene remotely. Legislation allowing local councils to do so has expired;
2. before 21 June it is not permitted to meet indoors with anybody you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble with them. To do so you face a fine of up to £10,000;
3. to find a suitable venue where councillors and members of the public may meet safely socially distanced would incur significant additional costs.

NALC has issued the following statement: *Each council will have to decide which course of action will best fit their needs and manage risks.*

In consideration of this dilemma, West Dean Parish Council has decided upon the following course of action:-

- hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting remotely on Monday 17 May using video conference technology. This is the only option which safeguards councillors and members of the public without incurring significant costs
- put in place a Scheme of Delegation by which the Clerk is empowered to take any and all decisions until such time Full Council are able to convene in person. This Scheme of Delegation Policy activated on 06 May 2021 has been published on the Parish Council's website [Policies & Documents | West Dean Village](#).

If you'd like to find out more, please contact the Clerk Melanie Camilleri by email [westdeanparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:westdeanparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk)