

**Notice of Parish Meeting, Friday 8th April.
7.30pm in Great Elm Village Hall**

Great Elm Parish Council unanimously decided at its last meeting on 11th March 2022, to call a Parish Meeting with the express purpose of dissolving the parish council. This meeting will take place in Great Elm Village Hall, Friday 8th April, at 7.30pm.

This decision has been occasioned by an ongoing absence of a parish clerk, an officer all parish councils are statutorily required to have and who shoulders a range of financial and other legal obligations. The parish council has in vain attempted to recruit a parish clerk. Interested parties have been few and all have found the entailed formal training, financial and legal obligations, and time commitment onerous compared to the limited remuneration Great Elm Parish Council can offer.

As a solution to the problem, Great Elm, under variously the Local Government Acts 1894 and 1972, statutorily has a parish meeting that can convene and, because it has fewer than 150 local government electors, vote to ask the district council to dissolve the parish council. By doing this and thereafter maintaining a parish meeting (Great Elm Parish Meeting) without a precept the members of Great Elm Parish Council are hopeful that the financial and legal obligations shouldered by a clerk will be much reduced or completely obviated.

All local government electors within the parish of Great Elm (ie, those on the electoral roll) are understood automatically to be members of Great Elm Parish Meeting, so all are welcome, encouraged to attend, and are legally entitled to discuss and vote on the proposal to ask the district council to dissolve Great Elm Parish Council.

*Edmund Thompson,
Chair (for and on behalf of) Great Elm Parish Council*