

# COVID-19 UPDATE: Issue 75 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## *...Annual Parish Meetings...*



Dear Chairman, Councillors, Clerks & Affiliates

I am writing to let you know that we have received official confirmation from the NALC that **Annual Parish Meetings can be held virtually this year.**

There is no requirement to hold an Annual Parish Meeting during the period of current regulations. They can be held remotely if local (parish or town) councils wish to do so however. Consequently, please feel free to start planning for both your Annual Parish Meeting and your Annual Council Meeting (which you already know about) to be conducted via Zoom, Teams or some other virtual platform.

To read a legal summary of this new position, please see the attached notes from the NALC.

For information on the current status Covid-19 rules and restrictions visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

Stay safe and look after yourselves.

With kind regards,

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