

Public and press presence

A person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:

Film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting

Use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;

Report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.

Filming and recording

Filming or photography requests should be notified to the Clerk at least two days before the meeting so arrangements and notifications can be put into place.

In the event of filming or recording taking place, members of the public must notify the Clerk that you DO NOT wish to be filmed, photographed or recorded - otherwise it will be assumed that your consent has been given

The following conditions must be followed by those filming or recording a meeting

Those that are recording or filming all or part of a meeting should NOT edit their recording or film in any way that could lead to misrepresentation or misinterpretation of the proceeding.

Only by prior agreement will the use of flash photography or film lighting be allowed

Those filming must have a constant awareness of the restrictions that apply to the filming of children and venerable people.

Filming or recording can only take place from a fixed position, which has been agreed in advance with the Clerk. (health and safety considerations will be taken with regard positioning of cables/equipment also apply)

The Chairman of the meeting has ABSOLUTE discretion to suspend or terminate actions or activities that in his or her opinion is disruptive.

Should a notification be received that a member of the public does not wish to be recorded, filmed etc, that request must be totally adhered to.

All persons present will act respectfully towards every other person present and will not act in a manner that demeans, insults, threatens or intimidates any other person. All statements, questions and responses, challenges to statements, complaints or criticisms must be made politely.