

Dersingham Parish Council

Protocol regarding the Recording and Filming of Parish Council Meetings

In the interests of openness and transparency, councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its committees when they are open to the public.

This does not extend to live verbal commentary.

Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent.

Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast a meeting of the Council or a committee is responsible for any claims or other liability arising from them doing so.

Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chair so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities.

In allowing recording, filming, or photography to take place, the Council requires those participating not to edit the recordings, films or take photographs in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image, or views expressed, in a way that may ridicule or show lack of respect towards those being filmed, photographed or recorded. Doing so may lead to restrictions on access to record, film, or photograph future meetings. Any restrictions would be decided upon by the Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council.

People under the age of 18, or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chair and should sit in the area designated for this purpose.

The Council may itself photograph, film, record or broadcast meetings and can retain, use or dispose of such material in accordance with its retention and disposal policies.

The chairman of the meeting will, if necessary, stop the meeting and take action to deal with anyone not adhering to the principles outlined above or who is deemed to be filming or recording in a disruptive manner.

The Council will display this protocol at its meetings and those undertaking these activities will be deemed to have read, understood and abide by these conditions whether they have read them or not.

Adopted by Dersingham Parish Council on 30/9/2019