

STAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Policy 002

Open Forum and Public Speaking at Council meetings

It shall be the policy of the above Council that:

The agenda of every ordinary meeting of the Council shall provide for an Open Forum during which input from the public shall be invited concerning items on the agenda. The public shall be required to address the Council through the Chairperson. Presentations which are repetitive, irrelevant of the subject discourteous or are reasonably considered to be of excessive length may be curtailed by the Chairperson.

Members of the public may be permitted to speak on occasion during the course of a normal Parish Council Meeting. Such occasion shall be decided either at the Chairman's discretion or by a resolution of the Council which may be moved without notice. It would be usual for such occasion to be to obtain information or to assess the public's view on matters being discussed, such information not already being available to members of the Parish Council.

Members of the public should not address the Parish Council unless they are invited to do so by the Chairman.

It would not be normal for public comment to be minuted.

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