

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
Policy on the filming and recording of Parish Council Meetings.

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of Local Councils, committees and sub committees was established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The “Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014” became active legislation in August 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings.

This document sets out the protocol for the filming or recording the meetings of Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council.

While no prior permission is required to carry out this activity, it is advisable that any person wishing to film or record a public meeting should inform the Clerk so that all necessary arrangements can be made.

The use of digital and social media recording tools, for example Twitter, blogging or audio recording be allowed as long as it is carried out in a non-disruptive way and only to the extent that it does not interfere with any person’s ability, including where he or she has a disability, to follow the debate.

No person or their filming or recording equipment to be allowed within 3m of the end of the parish council tables. If anyone filming or recording wishes to cross the venue, they should do so by passing to the rear of the public gallery.

The Parish Council will not allow the recording of private meetings of a confidential nature. All recording equipment shall be removed from the venue prior to the start of a private meeting.

While those attending meetings are deemed to have consented to the filming, recording or broadcasting of meetings, those exercising the rights to film, record and broadcast must respect the rights of others, people attending under the Data Protection Act 1998. This will include the particular rights of any children or vulnerable adults attending the meeting.

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 from them so doing.

The councils asks those recording proceedings do not to edit the film or recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings, or infringe the core values of the Council. This includes refraining from editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule, or show lack of respect towards those being filmed or recorded. No oral commentary of the meeting is permitted whilst filming or recording of said meeting is taking place.

The council will display requirements as to filming, recording and broadcasting at its meeting venues and those undertaking these activities will be deemed to have accepted them whether they have read them or not.

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