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Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council
Public Participation Statement

GUIDANCE NOTE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Parish Councils hold their meetings in public, so electors may exercise their democratic to witness the decision making process. There is no legal duty to offer a public forum at meeting however Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council is committed to community engagement and therefore welcomes attendees at its meetings providing an opportunity for people to address the Parish Council.

In meetings the following procedure applies-

• Questions and presentations of petitions by electors registered within the Parish of Stretton on Dunsmore shall be allowed on matters affecting the Parish Council at the beginning of each meeting of the Council.

• The question should be relevant to the business of the Parish Council.

• The period allowed for questions and the presentation of petitions shall not exceed 3 minutes except with the consent of the Parish Council.

• Each individual questioner and presenter of a petition shall be restricted to a total of 3 minutes.

• Questions shall be directed to the Chairman of the meeting who may request another Member or the Clerk to reply but no member of the Parish Council is obliged to answer questions immediately.

Answers to questions may take the form of:

- A direct oral response

- When the desired information is contained in a publication, reference to that publication

- When it is more convenient to do so, a written answer subsequent to the meeting

- The Chairman of the meeting shall disallow any question that is, in their opinion, scurrilous, improper, capricious, irrelevant or otherwise objectionable.

Please note that due to limited time it is not a good use of time for members of the public to attend the meetings to report overgrown vegetation, faulty streetlights, pot-holes, etc. These can be reported directly to the Parish Clerk at any time outside of a meeting, or the relevant local authority.

Helen Stewart – Parish Clerk
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