

Scarning Parish Council

Filming at Council Meetings

The recording, filming and reporting of all public meetings is permitted.

Meetings, or parts of meetings, from which the press and members of the public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded.

Members of the public and press are permitted to film or record meetings (to which they are permitted access) in a non-disruptive manner and from areas designated for the public. No prior permission is required. However, at the beginning of the meeting the Chair may ask if anyone present wishes to record proceedings.

The Council could assist by making reasonable facilities available to allow ease of recording.

The use of digital and social media recording tools, for example Twitter, blogging or audio recording, is allowed as long as it is carried on in a non-disruptive manner. Disruptive behaviour could be any action or activity which disrupts the conduct of the meeting or impedes others being able to see, hear or film the proceedings.

This may include:-

- Moving to areas outside the areas designated for the public
- Excessive noise in recording, setting up or re-siting equipment during the meeting
- Intrusive lighting and use of flash photography
- Asking for statements made to be repeated for the purposes of recording

The Chair of the meeting, in accordance with the Council's Standing Order No 9, has the ability to stop a meeting if any person is deemed to be disruptive.

The Council can ask that filming or recording is kept to a minimum; that it focuses on those making representations to the meeting; and that members of the public are not inconvenienced.

Any person choosing to film or broadcast a meeting of the Council will be responsible for any claims or other liability resulting from them doing so.

A copy of this statement will be issued to all councillors.

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