



Stanstead Abbots Parish Council

RECORDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The right to record meetings of the council, its committees, sub-committees or joint committees, is permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. For the purposes of this policy, the term 'recording' refers to filming, audio-recording, photographing, broadcasting, social media or transmitting the proceeding of meetings by any other means.

2. Guidance for recording

- 2.1 Anyone wishing to record a meeting should inform the Clerk before the start of the meeting.
- 2.2 The recording of any person under the age of 18, or a vulnerable adult, is not permitted unless an adult responsible for them has given permission.
- 2.3 Recording of members of the public is not permitted unless they are making representation to the council/committee.
- 2.4 The council is not liable for the actions of any person making a recording at a meeting which identifies a member of the public, or for any publication of that recording.
- 2.5 Where the press and public are excluded from a meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, recording of that part of the meeting is not permitted.
- 2.6 Recording must be overt (clearly visible) and from a static point.
- 2.7 Anyone recording a meeting must not leave their equipment unattended.
- 2.8 No additional lighting or flash photography will be permitted without prior consent.
- 2.9 Recording must be undertaken in a non-disruptive manner. Oral commentary is not permitted.
- 2.10 The chairman of the meeting may suspend or stop a recording of a meeting if the guidance for recording is not observed.
- 2.11 The council may record meetings of the council/committees.
- 2.12 The minutes of council/committee meetings remain the formal record of the council.