

# Kennington Parish Council

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## Public participation at Council meetings

At every meeting of Kennington Parish Council; its committees and sub-committees there is a **public participation session. This is your only opportunity to address the Council. You may NOT interrupt at any other time during the meeting unless invited to speak by the Chairman.**

The time allocated during meetings of **full Council is 3 minutes.** You may ask a question or make a statement on any matter which affects Kennington.

If you want to ask a question or make a statement please indicate to the Chairman that you wish to speak. When called upon to please stand and give your name and address. Full details on public speaking can be found on the Council's website.

### Photography/Recording of meetings

Filming and audio recording of Parish council meetings, by representatives of the media and also by members of the public using small media tools, **is permitted.** There is no requirement to notify the Parish Council in advance but the Chairman of a meeting reserves the right to suspend recording where, in their opinion, the recording could interfere with the proceedings of the meeting. This could include:

- If the recording was disrupting the meeting
- The meeting had agreed to move into closed session due to the confidential nature of the business being discussed
- If it was considered that continued recording/filming might infringe on the rights of any individual or where requests are received from other members of the public to cease recording when they speak.

**The Council asks those recording proceedings not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes refraining from editing images or views expressed.**

**No restrictions** will be placed on any member of the public at a meeting in relation to the use of twitter, blogs, Facebook and still photography, provided that the Chairman does not consider their actions are disrupting the proceedings of the meeting. In this regard, you are asked to remain seated throughout the meeting as standing up and walking around could distract from the business of the meeting.

In order to avoid accidents, the Council regrets that it is unable to facilitate members of the public using electric plug sockets in meetings for their equipment.

**Thank you for your co-operation**