

From: Blidworth Council
Sent: 14 April 2026 14:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Participation and Freedom Of Information Act 2000..

Dear [REDACTED]

I am unsure what you mean by a new directive to inform the Parish Council of intentions to speak at public participation as nothing has changed regarding this. I think you may be confusing this with the policy for the recording of public meetings. However, if you refer to the Parish Councils Standing Orders, the Parish Council allow a Public Participation session. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 5 minutes and the total 'Public Participation' session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting.

As you will be aware, minutes are published following their approval at the next Parish Council meeting. The minutes from the Vexatious & Habitual Complaints committee held on the 26th March will be approved at the meeting on the 16th April and will be published shortly after.

If you refer to the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on the 19th January minute ref. 26/116 it was resolved unanimously for the Parish Council to form a committee to deal with any further habitual or vexatious requests for information or correspondence. The terms of which were agreed at the Full Council meeting held on the 19th February minute ref. 26/127/19. All Parish Councillors would be members of the Vexatious & Habitual Complaints committee, and would remove themselves should the committee be addressing any complaint from a resident that is a personal relative or friend. As you will see from the minutes when published, when it came to agenda item VHC26/04, several Parish Councillors declared an interest and left the meeting.

I trust this clarifies the situation and look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public Participation and Freedom Of Information Act 2000..

Hello Claire,

I have read your new directive to inform the parish council of intentions to speak at public participation. At the upcoming meeting I would like to speak on matters relevant.

Hopefully ,others wishing to speak also follow this new rule.

Secondly, I am unsure as to the parish councils procedure to publish for public information the minutes for the recent vexatious and habitual complaints meeting, held in private.

The Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (F.O.A.I.) gives the public a legal right to access recorded information , including local councils.

The act requires authorities, including parish councils , to provide the applicant within 20 working days the request. However, if Blidworth parish council post the minutes in a public place, then there will be no need to proceed with my request. Can you please advise me if the parish council can provide my request for the minutes.

Finally, and I will raise this point on Thursday, that in all my years as a resident, have I ever seen 5 parish councillors excluded from a meeting on a pecuniary declaration having to stand outside with members of the public.

As always my letters and emails to you are occasional and not habitual, and should not be interpreted as vexatious or disruptive.

Looking forward to your reply.

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