

Slaugham Parish Council

Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings



Slaugham Parish Council promotes openness and transparency and encourages residents to attend their meetings.

If you intend to comment on an agenda item, please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure your views are expressed concisely allowing for accurate representation.

Thank you, Slaugham Parish Council.

Standing Order 3d - Meetings are open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by the following resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

STANDING ORDER 3d - Subject to standing order 3(d) above An item for public speaking be included on all agendas to be held on the commencement of the ordinary meetings of the Council and Committee meetings.

STANDING ORDER 3e - Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

STANDING ORDER 3f - The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

STANDING ORDER 3g - Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than (5) minutes.

STANDING ORDER 3h - In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

STANDING ORDER 3i – A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)]. The chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.

STANDING ORDER 3j – A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chairman of the meeting.

STANDING ORDER 3k – Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

We hope that you find this information helpful. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk clerk@slaughampc.co.uk