

Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

Serving Kibworth Beauchamp in south-Leicestershire since 1895

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

At the beginning of every Parish Council meeting we set aside time for residents to speak about any items on the agenda.

If you want the Parish Council to consider any other matter, you need to contact us at least a week in advance of a meeting so the topic can be placed on the agenda. This gives time for councillors and the parish clerk to undertake research.

The Local Government Act sets out how Parish Council meetings must be conducted. These are rules which all councillors and the public must respect. The law says that this is not a public meeting, but the public has a right to attend as observers. The public has no legal right to speak unless the Chair says they can.

The public can stay after the public session and watch the formal proceedings but cannot join in the debates unless invited to do so by the Chair. Very occasionally you may be excluded when items of a confidential nature are discussed such as staff salaries, contracts and legal issues. These are usually signposted on the agenda.

The business of the meeting is recorded by the Clerk as Minutes which are approved at the following meeting and published on the noticeboard and our website. Personal data relating to members of the public is not included in the Minutes.

If you have any concerns, issues or suggestions to present to the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk or talk to any parish councillor.