

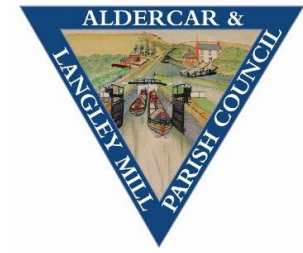
Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council

Admission of the Public and Press to Meetings

1. The public and the press shall be admitted to all meetings of the Council and its Committees and Sub-Committees, which may, however temporarily exclude the public or press or both by means of the following resolution:-

“That in view of the (confidential) nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw”

- (a) Members of the public who are on the Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council Register of Electors, or are Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council Tax payers or Non-domestic Tax payers, may ask questions of the Council at Ordinary Meetings of the Council. The total period of time for questions by the public at a Council Meeting shall be 15 minutes.
- (b) At any one meeting no person may ask more than one question, and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.
- (c) The Parish Council may reject a question if it:-
 - (i) is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affects Aldercar & Langley Mill
 - (ii) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive
 - (iii) is substantially the same question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months
 - (iv) requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information
- (d) The Chairman will invite the questioner to put the questions to the Council. If the questioner who has submitted a written question is unable to be present, he/she may ask the Chairman to put the question on his/her behalf. In the absence of the questioner, the Chairman may ask the question on the questioner's behalf, indicate that a written reply will be given, or decide that the question will not be dealt with.



2. The Clerk shall afford to the press reasonable facilities for taking their report or any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present.
3. If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting, the Chairman may, after warning, order that he/she be removed from the Parish Council Meeting.

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