

ITEM 19

Motion - Members and the Parish Clerk are reminded that non-members only have a statutory right to attend meetings as observers; they have no legal right to speak or participate in council debates during a meeting, participate in any decision-making process or propose expenditure

It is unlawful for a council to decide on a matter not specified on a summon, especially a decision to spend money, without three clear days warning.

With two specific exceptions:

1. During the public participation segment of a meeting in accordance with standing orders - a period of 15 minutes.

2. Alternatively following a vote passed by the parish council on a motion to suspend standing orders to allow non-members to address the parish council on a specific item on the summons, except when mandatory statutory or legal requirements apply (suspension only applies to the specific matter being discussed).