

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Protocol on the filming and recording Local Council and Committee meetings

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of Local Councils, committees and sub committees was established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The “Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014” are currently making their way through the Houses of Commons/Lords (May 2014). This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings.

This document sets out the protocol for the filming or recording the meetings of Wembdon Parish Council.

The right of the council to exclude the press and public from parts of Council meetings for contractual and staff confidentially reasons remain unaffected.

Members of the public are permitted to film or record Council meetings, to which they are permitted access, in a non-disruptive manner. The Chairman of the meeting has the authority to stop a meeting and take appropriate action if any person contravenes these principles or is deemed to be recording in a disruptive manner.

Those wishing to film a meeting should give an acceptable reason for wishing to do so. The use of digital and social media recording tools, for example Twitter, blogging or audio recording be allowed as long as it is carried out in a non-disruptive way and only to the extent that it does not interfere with any person’s ability, even where he or she has a disability, to follow the debate.

Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast a meeting of the Council or a committee is responsible for any claims or other liability from them so doing.

The Council may itself photograph, film, record or broadcasting at its meetings and can retain, use or dispose of such material in accordance with its retention and disposal policies.

This policy was reviewed in January 2022.

End of policy.