



Public Participation at Council Meetings

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Council meeting.

Public Attendance at meetings

Pembury Parish Council welcomes the public to its meetings. By law members of the public must be admitted to all meetings of the Full Council and its committees. However, the Council's regular meetings are "meetings in public" rather than "public meetings".

A "meeting in public" is where members of the public can attend to observe a formal meeting of the Council. However, observers are not permitted to join in the discussion.

This Council, like many other parish and town councils in England and Wales, gives members of the public an opportunity to speak at some point during the meeting, for us this is under 'Open Session'. We do this by temporarily adjourning the meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak.

If you wish to raise a point which does not relate to an item on that evening's agenda, you are free to do so. However, the Council's discussion of the point might have to be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the Council is unable to make a binding decision unless a specific item is included on the agenda.

A "public meeting" is an open forum for members of the public to discuss matters of interest with the Council.

Written Submissions

Electors of the Parish may submit comments on any agenda item in writing or submit a written request for the Parish Council to consider any matter within its remit. Valid requests will be put on the agenda for the next appropriate meeting.