

## **Media management strategy.**

Information supplied to people wishing to record a meeting includes the following statement

"The Council asks that those recording proceedings do not edit the film or recording in any way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings, or infringe on the core values of the Council. You are asked not to tweet or blog a discussion until the decision is made".

It is not the policy of the council to stifle legitimate and relevant discussions or personal views however in the event of abusive, false or vicious statements being posted on-line or published the Chairman of the Parish Council or Clerk may, where they considered it necessary, take the following action:

- Issue a press release (see separate policy regarding this).
- Contact the social media provider (google, facebook, yahoo, twitter etc.) via their report abuse facility to ask for deletion of relevant material.
- Delete any such comments from the parish council's own facebook page.

Representatives of the parish council are advised against entering into any debate or arguments on social media on issues that are directly related to parish council decisions or policy. If they consider that a post is abusive etc. then they should report the matter to the parish office.

If action has been taken parish councillors will be notified as soon as possible.