

Avebury Parish Council

Consultation process

The Parish Council agreed on 13 May 2016 to adopt this working draft of a consultation process. The Parish Council will operate it as the need arises or will operate it on request. It will be reviewed and amended in the light of experience on 1 September 2016.

Under the scheme, a meeting would be held with the Parish Council about an issue. Those present would have sufficient information for any fair-minded person to take an informed decision. The two parties consider the proposal, agree any obvious points, probably go away to consult internally or take further soundings, and come back for a second meeting to agree a final position.

The parties might agree a proposal in full, or partially agree it, or disagree.

The main benefits of agreement or partial agreement of a consultation process with the Parish Council are that:

- The proposal could be revised and improved for everyone's benefit during the discussion process
- The parties can show that the proposal, or elements of it, has the endorsement of the democratic process
- The consultation process maximises areas of agreement, and spreads the burden of dealing with negative or outlying views.

If no agreement is reached, both parties can demonstrate to the public that they have sought agreement. If the consultation process is not used, Avebury is no worse off than at present.

This scheme can be used from 14 May 2016.

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