

WPC Policy - Press Communications

The objective of this policy is to clarify lines of communication between the Press and WPC.

The work undertaken by Wendover Parish Council is of direct interest to the local community and from time to time may be reported in the press. Sometimes the press may highlight an issue that is being considered by the Council or that should be picked up by the Council.

- The council continually seeks to develop a more open and transparent debate to accompany our corporate decisions based on consensus amongst councillors whenever possible
- The council welcomes public debate on parish matters via the press and is grateful for any opportunity to engage with the community.
- The council's position is as stated in the minutes and in formal statements issued by the office of the council on council headed paper.
- Individual councillors may have views which do not agree with the council's position and, of course, we recognise that they must be free to air them as individuals.
- Where the council is being discussed in the press, we would welcome the opportunity to respond to ensure a balanced approach and that the public are being properly informed of the council's position.
- Those seeking the council's position should approach the Clerk in the first instance
- From time to time the Clerk will issue Press releases and Newsletters regarding the work of the Council
- The Clerk should maintain an up to date list of local Press contacts and other local organisations to which Press Releases might be sent.