

ST BURYAN PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

What is Public Participation?

This is a chance for you, as a resident of St Buryan, to address the Parish Council on points of interest. Public Participation is not a mandatory requirement, and not all Councils allow it, but St Buryan Parish Council considers it both good practice and a chance to fully understand and reflect the opinions of the residents of St Buryan.

When and where does this happen?

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. The venue for these meetings is the Village Hall, Lands End Road, St Buryan. Notices of meetings and the agenda are posted on the Parish Council noticeboard in the centre of the village.

How does it work?

The Parish Council allocates 10 minutes at every Council meeting for members of the public to speak. Each topic can have a maximum of 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman, to address the Parish Council.

Useful tips:-

- If you are part of a group elect a representative to do the talking.
- Be as succinct as possible.
- Produce handouts / summaries, but do not read straight from this.

What not to do:-

- Talk over anybody else or while someone else is talking.
- Address the Parish Council at any other time, unless asked by a Councillor to do so.

What happens next?

During Public Participation the Parish Councillors will not make any comments. Parish Councillors cannot comment upon points raised concerning planning applications as this may fetter their discretion, which would mean that they could not join in any discussion regarding the plans in question.

This policy was adopted by St Buryan Parish Council on 17th October 2011