

DOVERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESS POLICY

Press Enquiries

Responses to the press relating to matters discussed by the Parish Council shall be dealt with in the first instance by the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk will obtain a written statement on the matter from the Council before submission to the press. The Parish Council Chairman, and in their absence the Vice-Chairman, are also authorised to give the views of the Council to the press on any non-confidential subject discussed by the Council.

Whenever possible, any information given to the press shall be given in writing so as not to leave interpretation open to misunderstanding and misreporting.

At no time shall the personal views of either members, or officers of the Council, be given to the press in a way which could be interpreted as a view of the Council as a whole.

From time to time, the Council may agree to issue a Statement to the press relating to a specific subject, this will be done so following agreement at a meeting of the Council, or if urgent after consultation with other Councillors. Any such Statement will then be submitted to the press via the Parish Clerk.

A separate Social Media has been adopted by the Parish Council