

Windlesham Parish Council

Communications Committee – Terms of Reference 2026-2027

The role of the Communications Committee is to consider all external Council communications.

1. Membership of the committee will consist of a maximum of 9 members, consisting of a maximum of 3 representatives from each village. To ensure that each village remains adequately represented in the event of a member's absence, any nominated substitute must be a member of the same village committee as the original appointed representative.
2. Non-members of the Council may be appointed to serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity. Such appointments shall be made by recommendation to Full Council and confirmed by a resolution of the Council.

Non-councillor members, advisory members, subject-matter experts and other invited attendees shall withdraw from the meeting for any item of confidential or exempt business unless the Committee resolves that their continued attendance is necessary for that item. Any person permitted to remain must comply with the Council's confidentiality and data protection requirements and must not disclose confidential information or personal data without lawful authority.

FUNCTIONS:

The Communications Committee will have the following duties and shall be empowered, within the current structure, to:

- Develop and implement a communications strategy based on the current media policy.
- Create and update a consistent corporate identity to be used in Parish Council communications.
- To prepare a draft budget for consideration at the Budget meetings in Sept/Oct each year.
- Liaise with local organisations with regard to communications.
- To make use of a full range of media opportunities to promote Windlesham Parish Council, including social media.
- Any other communications issues as requested by Full Council.

Delegated Spending Authority

In order to undertake its functions, the Communications Committee is authorised to spend to the following limits:

- With effect from 1st April 26 this committee will have a budget of £8,500 as agreed in the Full Council budget.

- All expenditure requirements in excess of the authorised limit to be agreed in advance of expenditure commitment by resolution of the Council.

The Chairman shall:

- Agree to the minutes of the Communications Committee at Full Council meetings, subject to approval.