**Hindringham Parish Council**

**Policy for Vexatious/Disruptive Persons at Meetings**

Hindringham Parish Council welcomes members of the public to attend its meetings and includes an item on the Agenda where the public may speak on items on that Agenda.

The public has a right to attend a Parish Council Meeting but not to disrupt that meeting (see section 1(8) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960). The Parish Council will follow the procedure below if the Chairman or Acting Chairman feels it necessary to do so.

1. The Chairman will ask the disruptive member of the public to behave and keep quiet

2. If the member of the public does not do so, the Chairman will again ask the person to behave and keep quiet

3. If the member of the public does not do so, the Chairman will adjourn the meeting for fifteen minutes or for whatever length of time he considers appropriate including resuming the meeting at a later date

4. On resumption of the meeting, if the disruptive member of public refuses to behave and be quiet, the Chairman will ask that member of the public to leave the meeting.

5. If the disruptive member of the public refuses to leave the meeting the Parish Council are entitled to remove them by the minimum amount of force required to secure the removal.

6. The Parish Council may call the Police if necessary, to arrest the disruptive person for causing a breach of the peace.