

**POLICY
DISTURBANCE AT MEETINGS**

BLACKTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

Anyone – whether a member of the council or Chair or member of the public – who disturbs the proceedings may be required by resolution to withdraw. It is not desirable for such a resolution to be moved until the Chair has at least once requested the offender to desist and the request has been ignored. Where the Chair’s request has been disregarded, the resolution should be moved automatically and without comment by the senior councillor able to do so, though legally any councillor or the Chair may move it. Mere heat or anger in discussion is not of itself a ground for excluding a member, but almost any interruption by the public is technically a disturbance.

An offender who refuses to obey the resolution may be removed by force, but care should be taken to use no more force than is necessary. It is usually desirable – but not legally necessary – to secure the help of the police.

A resolution of exclusion ought not to extend to future meetings.

Chair: Date:

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