HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY FOR DEALING WITH PRESS AND MEDIA

Taken from Section 21 of the Council's Standing Orders

Relations with the press/media

- Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its councillors or staff should ideally be referred to the Chair or the Clerk to respond to them.

- Councillors may speak to the press/media providing that they advise at the beginning of the conversation that they are speaking as an individual Parish Councillor rather than as the Parish Council and that this should be reflected in the report. They should then inform the Clerk of the content of the conversation.

- Any discussion that Councillor's have with the press/media shouldn't go against a decision made by the parish Council.

- Section 21 to be reviewed after each election.

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