



## **CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS AT MEETINGS OF IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

Before the commencement of the Council meeting any member of the public wishing to ask a question in the public participation session is asked to indicate to the Town Clerk or the Administration Officer that they have an issue to raise. If there is a group of people attending in respect of the same issue, then it will be suggested that a spokesperson be nominated.

The maximum time permitted in Standing Orders for each questioner is 3 minutes, and this will be timed if necessary to enable more people to have a chance to raise relevant matters with the Council or the local representatives.

When the meeting commences the police, County and District Councillors will give their reports, in accordance with normal practice.

At the end of that reporting process Town Councillors will be invited to ask any questions of those representatives.

The 15 minutes public participation session will then commence and those who had indicated that they wished to ask a question or raise a topic will be invited to do so by the Mayor.

If at the conclusion of that session there is sufficient time for additional questions to be asked of the police, County or District Cllrs, specifically relating to Ivybridge, then the session will be opened up until the 15 minutes time allotted has been reached.

For any queries on the above please contact the Town Clerk, Ivybridge Town Council, Erme Court, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ or telephone 01752 893815 or email [townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk)