

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. Parishioners question time is only open to residents of the Parish of Middlezoy. Any members of the public outside the Parish of Middlezoy must request to make a representation via the Clerk in writing, no less than 5 working days prior to a meeting and this must be an agenda item.

2. Members of the public both residents and non-residents will be allowed 5 mins to put their case, after which time they will not be permitted to speak unless requested to do so from the Chairman.

Information on the Parish Council's powers:

MATTER	MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL	SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL / SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS	Can make representation on behalf of residents, cannot make decisions on behalf of SCC or SDC, this includes cutting of hedgerows.*	Responsible authority: SCC is the only authority on Highways
PLANNING	Consulted on all planning applications in the parish, and can make recommendation FOR and AGAINST permission and give observations on the same	Responsible authority: SDC is the planning authority for Middlezoy and only they can make the final decision.
RECYCLING	Can make observations and recommendations to Southwest Waste Partnership	Responsible authorities: SCC/SDC are the only authorities that deal with waste
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Can make representation to SCC and SDC	Responsible authority: SCC is the only provider for this service
HOUSING	Has very little power other than trying to secure Social Housing within the village	Responsible authorities: SCC/SDC alone can deal with these matters
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	can support members of the Parish, and make representation to SCC, SDC and Police.	Responsible authorities: SCC, SDC and Police

**No cutting of road side hedgerows is permitted between 1st March and 1st September*