

## **KIRTLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Decision Making Policy**

1. Decisions of KPC are to be taken by majority, in which the chair can participate and has a casting vote.
2. Whilst it is preferable to proceed by consensus, there will be many situations in which time, efficiency of process and/or differences in viewpoint mean that consensus cannot readily be reached.
3. In such situations a contested vote may arise, and there should not be considered anything unusual or unfortunate about this. Supportive and respectful debate can often lead to better decision making.
4. Where decisions are taken by contested vote, one viewpoint will necessarily be preferred and will become KPC policy.
5. After a contested vote, all KPC councillors will act according to the principles of collective responsibility, and will make their best efforts to support, implement and execute the decision of KPC, irrespective of their original viewpoints or voting.
6. Conversely, KPC councillors will not act to undermine or denigrate decisions of KPC, irrespective of their original viewpoints or voting.

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