

Presentment to the New Forest National Park Authority Meeting, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 on behalf of One Voice. Speaker: Sue Baillie. Tel: 01425 621889

How was the decision made not to grant public meetings as called for in my statement to the authority on 16 October 2008? There is no mention in the Minutes that this was fully discussed by members. I therefore request that the members present at today's meeting fully discuss and then cast a vote on this subject under item 12 of this Agenda.

***Response:***

***A vote was not possible as the request was not 'urgent' and the meeting was not being chaired by Mr Chatters but by the Deputy Chairman***

What particular arrangements has the authority made for discussions with the general public in the next stage of the process - which was due to start mid-January? How will you inform the public of these arrangements?

***Response:***

***Arrangements would be made for Parish Council meetings where the public may attend and the NPA will listen. Working groups will be arranged. The NPA wish to engage more with the public.***

Website Meetings and Minutes page entitled "New Forest National Park Authority forthcoming public meetings". The wording of this title misleads the reader by implying that these are public meetings. The page does not make it clear that public speaking is '**subject to the Authority's public speaking procedures**'. I therefore reasonably ask the Authority, as a gesture of goodwill, to amend the title to include reference to the public speaking procedures; or to remove the word "public" from the title.

***Response:***

***The NPA will review the point raised and a written reply will be sent to One Voice by 12<sup>th</sup> March 09.***