

## REMOTE MEETINGS:

The majority of Teversham Parish Councillors welcome the option to hold remote meetings. However, they are concerned about ensuring effective public participation.

If the public were only able to join digitally, it could discriminate against those without internet access or a stable internet connection. This could also relate to future parish councillors.

Remote meetings do give greater access to those who are less mobile and those with caring responsibilities: eg single parents who might need babysitters.

There are also times when remote meetings are very useful, and can cut down on the cost of hiring a venue for a short meeting. We are all used to video meetings and they definitely have a place in the workplace as a whole now.

Signing minutes etc and sharing hard copies will be problematic but could be overcome, as in lockdown, when papers were wet signed at a later date, when possible.