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The police got involved as tensions rose at Petersfield Town Council's meeting last week

## Tensions rise after police commissioner's council appearance

PETERSFIELD Town Council descended into chaos on Wednesday last week when Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, gave what was described as a 15-minute "hustings" speech at the council's town meeting.

None of the other three candi-

dates to be Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner were invited.

During the meeting, Labour Party agent, Howard Linsley attempted to raise a point of order, but was shut down by the Mayor of Petersfield.

In addition, supporters of Don Jerrard, the Justice and Anti-Cor-

ruption Party, were expelled for seeking to get video evidence of what was happening in the meeting.

And afterwards, Liberal Democrat agent, Martin Tod, claimed the meeting was a "clear breach of the law by both the town council and the office of the Police and Crime

Commissioner". He added: "Parties are allowed to have public meetings during elections, but they have to pay for them.

"They certainly can't have their own meetings paid for by local taxpayers."