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BARTON PC BRIG request for dispensation from Standards Committee

Dear Miss Adams,

I am writing to make an application for a dispensation from the Standards Committee on behalf of some of our Councillors.

Following information sent by you and advice from Fiona McMillan, I believe that seven of our nine Parish Councillors require a dispensation to enable the meeting to be quorate when particular matters are discussed, for example, when the Parish Council as a corporate body is the sole Custodian Trustee of a village amenity.

In Barton a mixture of parish councillors and other parishioners set up the Barton Recreation Ground Improvement Group BRIG. To date this group has done considerable fund raising; it got charitable status (charity no.1130968) and obtained planning permission for the building of a new Sports Pavilion. It recently secured Pathfinder funding for extra play equipment. It will obviously be involved with architects and builders and grant giving organisations in the near future.

At present 7 of the 9 Parish Councillors are members of the management committee of BRIG and are therefore individual Trustees of the charity. The constitution of BRIG says that there will be not less than 8 and not more than 14 Trustees.

The 'Objects' of the Charity - " the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation" - do not mention the Recreation Ground, but the constitution notes that the Rec is owned by SCDC, yet managed and maintained by the Parish Council, and also that the new Sports Pavilion and other new equipment will be vested in the Parish Council and all investments held on behalf of the charity are vested in the Parish Council. A Deed of Dedication for the Recreation Ground is currently being set up in consultation between our solicitor and SCDC.

I therefore submit application forms for our councillor members of BRIG who may need to seek a dispensation from the Standards Committee in relation to approval of BRIG decisions.

Forms are enclosed for:

Hugh Greenfield
Mary Macdonald
Margaret Penston
Tim Scott
Nigel Siddall
Jane Walker
Karen Wilkins

I trust it will be in order to put this on the agenda of your March meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Penston or me, if you need further information.

Yours sincerely

Patrick De Backer