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Parish Council Member's Application for a Dispensation

To: Standards Committee, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, a member who has a prejudicial interest in a matter which is under consideration may not participate in the consideration of that matter by the Parish Council unless he / she has first obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The powers to grant a dispensation are governed by the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensation) Regulations 2002. You may apply for a dispensation by completing this form and sending it to the Monitoring Officer of South Cambridgeshire District Council. Please do so as soon as you are aware of the possible conflict, before South Cambridgeshire District Council Standards Committee is due to meet and before the matter is due to be considered by the Parish Council. Please complete the attached form as fully as possible as the request for dispensation must be written and explain why the dispensation is desirable.

Please note that for Standards Committee to conclude that it is appropriate to grant a dispensation it must have regard to the reason for the request, the content of the written application and to all the other circumstances of the case.

If you are granted a dispensation, please note that the Standards Committee must be notified if the circumstances under which it was granted change.

Your Name and Parish Council / Meeting: MARGARET PENSTON

Barton Parish Council

What is the matter which is shortly to be considered and in respect of which you seek a dispensation?

*Provision of part funding for a new Sports and Social Pavilion;
involvement in planning applications;
contractual or licensing matters;
completion of final stages of building.*

Is this matter to be considered by the Parish Council as a whole or by a sub-committee? If the latter please provide the name of the sub-committee.

As a whole.

What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?

I am a member of the Barton Recreation Ground Improvement Group (BRIG), a charity involved in improving the facilities for recreation and other leisure time activities on Barton Recreation Ground. I am also a Parish Councillor.

What is the date of the meeting at which this matter is to be considered?

Matters may be considered from June 2011 onwards.

The grounds for dispensation is that the number of Members of the body that are prohibited from participating in the business of the authority exceeds 50% of those Members that are entitled or required to so participate. Please provide details confirming this:

5 out of 9 Barton Parish Councillors are also members of BRIG, so if any Parish Council decision has to be taken in relation to a new Sports and Social Pavilion or facilities, there would not be a quorum without a dispensation. Although the building work is in the final stages of completion, it would be prudent to seek continuation of the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee in March 2010 to enable discussion of on-going matters.

Do you seek a dispensation just for the one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period not exceeding four calendar years.

4 calendar years up to May 2015.

Please set out below the reasons why you consider the Standards Committee should grant this dispensation:

Both as a Councillor and a Barton resident I wish to promote recreational facilities in this village, I have no personal or pecuniary benefit in these matters and wish to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Signed: .. **Signature** Date: *5/7/11*