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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: **Cllr.George Porter, Longstanton Parish Council**

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

The Village Institute Charity Policies and procedures of the Trust, hire charges and fundraising.

Feasibility Study.

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.

The Parish Council as a whole.

What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?

As a Parish Councillor I am also a Trustee of the Village Institute Sole Trust , as per the Charity Scheme.

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

All meetings as required.

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:

As a Sole Trust, all Trustees are Parish Councillors.

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.

Four years.

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

The Village Institute is to undergo complete review of its policies, procedures and financial management. The Parish Council hires the hall for meetings.

The Parish Council is considering the viability of community facilities and to undertake a feasibility study for the provision of a new build community centre.

Signature

Signed:

..... Date: 1/9/11