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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:

David Whybrow

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

Any items concerning Barrington Green.

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.

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What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?

Barrington Green, in the centre of the village, was designated as common land and established as a charity in the early twentieth century, of which the Parish Council was nominated as Custodian and sole Trustee of The Green Charity Barrington. The Charity, therefore, can exercise its power as Trustee only through the members of Barrington Parish Council.

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

Each meeting of the Parish Council covers several matters pertaining to all or part of the Village Green.

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:

The whole Parish Council is Custodian and Sole Trustee of the Green Charity.

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.

Until the end of the elected period of the current Parish Council (to May 2011).

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

Immediately following the 2007 election, Barrington Parish Councillors all received a dispensation in respect of matters concerning Barrington Green, except for Mr Whybrow who has only recently been co-opted.

Signed: Date: