

Application Form for a Dispensation
under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000
in respect of a Prejudicial Interest

Dingley Parish Council

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| 1. | Names of Councillors | Councillor Tony Lucas – Chairman of the Parish Council. Councillor Jean F Strutt – Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairman of the Village hall committee, and Councillor Jolyon Ingham, Parish Councillor. |
| 2. | What is the total membership of Dingley Parish Council for which dispensation is sought? | Five |
| | Please identify the political makeup of Dingley Parish Council | All members stand as independent of any political party. |
| 3. | What is the quorum of Dingley Parish Council? | Three |
| 4. | What is the matter for which dispensation is sought? | <p>Dingley is a village located along the A427 in Northamptonshire. It is a small settlement with c. 160 registered electors. The local Parish Council consists of five elected councillors.</p> <p>There is a small village hall that was given to the villagers (not the Parish Council) by a former owner of Dingley Hall - Viscount Downe - in 1926.</p> <p>The village hall is administered/run a by committee of five unelected members, with the Rector of Dingley Parish and two churchwardens as ex officio members of the committee. As is usual in a small settlement, very few people are prepared to put themselves forward as either Parish Councillors or members of the Village Hall committee. The result is that three of the 5 Parish Councillors sit on the Village Hall committee.</p> <p>This commonality of members of the two committees means that, if any matter relating to the Village Hall is raised in a meeting of the Parish Council, three of the Councillors have no option but to declare a Prejudicial</p> |

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| | | <p>Interest, with the result that there can never be a quorum to vote on any matters relating to the Village Hall. Very much a "Catch 22" situation.</p> <p>Dispensation is sought to allow Councillors Lucas, Strutt and Ingham to participate in discussions relating to the Village hall and to vote on any motion relating to the Village Hall put to the Parish Council.</p> |
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| 5. | For which type of meeting is the dispensation sought? | Full meetings of Dingley Parish Council |
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Signed:
Clerk to Dingley Parish Council

January 5th 2010


Signed:
Councillor Tony Lucas

January 5th 2010


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Councillor Jean F Strutt

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Councillor Jolyon Ingham

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