

LITTLETON & HARESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL (LHPC)**DISPENSATION REQUEST**

Dispensation for: Cllr G Sallis
Date(s): 29th June 2021 to 8th May 2023.
Applicable Meetings: Parish Council Meetings,
Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings.

Standing Orders Related to Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

LHPC Standing Orders require councillors to leave the room if they have a disclosable pecuniary interest or personal prejudicial interest in business to be discussed, as shown below:

- 13b Unless granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which the councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest. The councillor may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which the councillor had the interest.
- 13c Unless granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which the councillor has another interest if so required by the Parish Council's code of conduct. The councillor may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which the councillor had the interest.

Pecuniary Interest

I, Cllr George Sallis, have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter related to the LHPC Website or the newsletters as my wife owns Giant Olive Ltd which is instructed by the council to provide website and other communication services. Any discussions related to the website or newsletters even if it is not related to the financial aspect of the work may have implications on the required work effort and thus the payments the council would pay to Giant Olive Ltd.

Dispensation Request Detail

Due to my expertise in communications, IT, and websites I need to be able to inform and support the council to continue in its efforts to keep parishioners up to date with Parish Council matters. Additionally, as a prospective Chair it would not be possible to chair meetings if I need to leave when matters related to my pecuniary interest are discussed.

Therefore, I would like to request a dispensation as follows:

1. To be allowed to remain in LHPC meetings when website and other communication topics are discussed, to participate and provide related evidence or feedback, and to be able to vote on
 - a. content related material within the website or newsletters or other parish communication media
 - b. or when there would be no implications where additional work for Giant Olive Ltd was required.
2. To be allowed to remain in LHPC meetings, **but not act as the Chair**, where a decision is required regarding any financial matter where the existing agreement with Giant Olive Ltd will be modified.

I will refrain from voting, but I request that I be allowed to provide evidence, advice and other information prior to the vote.

Note: If I facilitated the vote in this situation and a Chair's casting vote was required then this would be problematic. The WCC deputy monitoring officer has advised that in this situation the council should vote in a temporary Chair to facility any decision where I have a pecuniary interest. Preferably the temporary chair should be the Vice-Chair.