

LOG OF CODE OF CONDUCT ENQUIRIES

(wef 3.7.08)

Case No.	Date of Enquiry	District/Town/Parish Council	Nature of Enquiry <i>(Brief Details)</i>	Advice Given <i>(Brief Details)</i>	Code of Conduct Reference <i>(Para No.)</i>
30.	24.07.08	Cllr Jonathan Salt of St Ives Town Council	Cllr Salt is a Director of St Ives Youth Theatre, a charitable trust, which hopes to be able to use the Corn Exchange if and when it is refurbished by the Town Council. The Youth Theatre are struggling to find a home that they can afford and hope that the Town Council will allow them usage of the Corn Exchange at preferential rates because of the work that they do with the young people of the town. Cllr Salt had been advised by the Clerk of the Town Council that he would have a prejudicial interest when the Corn Exchange was discussed in Council meetings but he was concerned that as he had specialist advice that he could contribute to the debate, this would be lost if he could not speak.	Cllr Salt indicated that he had declared his position as a Director of the Youth Theatre when he had completed his registration form required under the Code of Conduct. He therefore acknowledged that he had a personal interest. When I suggested to him that he needed to consider whether a member of the public might reasonably believe that his view might be prejudiced by his position as a Director of an organisation that might obtain preferential rates for the occupation of premises owned by the Town Council, he accepted that they might come to that conclusion. He accepted therefore that he had a prejudicial interest. I explained to him that this would not prevent him speaking at the Council's Open Forum before a meeting started but that he should preface his remarks by saying that he had a prejudicial interest in the matter. A group of interested representatives/ individuals has also been established to advise on the refurbishment which is not decision making and comprises members of the public. It is not part of the Council but is likely to comment and put forward ideas for consideration by the Council. Cllr Salt is the representative of the Youth Theatre on that group. As it is not decision making and is not part of the Council, I advised Cllr Salt that I could see no reason why he could not take part in that group but that he should also declare his interest as a councillor so that everyone is aware of his position. When any report/comments by the group were considered by the Council, Cllr Salt would have to declare a prejudicial interest and leave the room. (RR)	

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31.	31.07.08	Toseland Parish	Enquiry from Clerk as to the interests of Members of the Parish Council, with the exception of the Chairman, in an upcoming planning application for a windfarm at Graveley.	<p>Advised that as residents of the village of Toseland, the Parish Councillors with exception of the Chairman, had no greater interest in the business under consideration than the other council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the Parish. (CD)</p> <p>In terms of the interests of the Chairman of the Parish Council, it was understood that his property was located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed windmills and that he was a Member of the lobby group against the proposals. In these circumstances, Chairman should declare a personal and prejudicial interest but could address the Council under paragraph 12 (2) of the Code which had been adopted by the Parish Council. (CD).</p>	8 (b) (iii) 8, 9, 10, 12(2)
32.	1.08.08	Toseland Parish Council	Councillor Mrs M A Tossell	Advised that Councillor Mrs Tossell had a personal interest to declare when considering the application for a wind farm at Graveley given that her husband was Treasurer of the lobby group against the proposed development. (CM)	8, 9