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64.	3.3.10		Enquiry from a new co-opted Member about the requirements of her in terms of registration and declaration of interests.	Links provided to Standards for England website relating to "personal and prejudicial interests", lobby groups and on predisposition and pre-determination. Advised to complete Registration Form and to include reference to lobby group of which she is a Member. Advised when to declare personal and prejudicial interests and when to speak and vote (CM).	8, 9, 10
65.	5.3.10		The Parish Council had gone out to tender for a new fence around their playing field and had received 5 in return, including one from a Parish Councillor. The Councillor had declared a personal and prejudicial interest. The Parish Clerk was concerned that the Council had acted properly in dealing with the matter.	Confirmed that the Parish Council appeared to have acted correctly as the necessary declarations had been made. However there would need to be clear audit trail to demonstrate that nothing improper had occurred. If the Councillor was awarded the contract, this would need to be entered onto his register of interests (CM).	8, 9, 10

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66.	17.3.10		The Parish Council was concerned that they would be unable to consider a planning application for the proposed wind farm at Kimbolton airfield as they might have a prejudicial interest on the grounds that the turbines will be visible from most parts of the village.	Personal and prejudicial interests explained.(CM)	8, 9, 10
67.	31.3.10		Enquiry regarding the interest held by a Town Councillor in a planning application for which he had already sent a letter of support for an objection raised by a local resident. The Councillor was also a Member of the Planning Committee. Advice also requested on interests held by those Members who had received an election expense contribution from the applicant.	Suggested that the Councillor had pre-determined the planning application. Advice given about pre-determination /pre-disposition. Although not a strict breach, quoted advice that there was a potential for paragraph 5 of the code to be breached because the Councillor's behaviour could render the Town Council's decision unlawful. (CD). Advice given about personal/prejudicial interests and concluded that those Members involved had a personal and prejudicial interest. (CD).	5 8,9,10
68.			Enquiry regarding "pre-determination" of a planning application to be considered by a	See advice for case No. 67. (CD)	5

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69.			Parish Council Enquiry regarding the interests to be declared by a Councillor who was producing a local guide on behalf of a Town Centre Initiative. That Member also was the Council's elected Member on the Initiative.	Provided the Member had declared personal and prejudicial interests when the matter was considered by the Town Centre Initiative and had not been involved in the procurement process advice given that there was unlikely to be a breach. However, the Member should update his register to record any details of any contract entered into with the Council. (CM).	8,9,10
70.			Enquiry regarding interests held by a Councillor in a planning application. The Councillor also was a Member of an Action Group relating to the application.	Advice given about personal/prejudicial interests and paragraph 12 (2) to allow Councillors to make representations to Council meetings. (CD).	

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