

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
COUNCIL MEETINGS NOTWITHSTANDING HAVING A  
PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

Please read the guidance on Personal and Prejudicial Interests on the Standards for England web-site: <http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk>

Click Guidance and in the sub-menu "Code of Conduct" then "View all guidance of the Code of Conduct". Select: Personal and Prejudicial Interests (Quick Guide).

Your name	Jonathon Lewis
Your address	1 Petland Cottages Brishing Lane Boughton Monchelsea Maidstone Kent. ME17 4NF
Your Parish Council	Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council

What is the interest for which you seek a dispensation?

I am a trustee of the Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust and am seeking dispensation to vote on matters relating to the trust at Parish Council meetings.

Under which paragraph of paragraph 10 of your Council's Code of Conduct does this interest fall?	Parish Councils model code of conduct 2001
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If your interest relates to land you own or occupy how close is it to the site the council will be discussing? (attach a map if possible)

Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust own various pieces of land within the parish. My interest relates to all the land the Amenity Trust owns or has an option agreement on.

If your interest is that you belong to an organisation what does that organisation do?

The Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust is a charitable trust set up by Deed in 1994 with the object of:

1. "the preservation, protection and improvement for the benefit of the inhabitants of Boughton Monchelsea and the neighbouring communities of any amenity or other land as shall or may at any time be vested in the Charity or in respect of which the Charity shall have an interest (and which is associated with any building or buildings where such land is of scientific, agricultural, horticultural or

silvercultural interest); and	
2. the provision of or assistance in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Boughton Monchelsea and the neighbouring communities".	
And do you hold any position or office on it, e.g. are you on the managing committee, are you the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer?	
Trustee	
When (how often) does the Parish Council have an item affecting this interest on its agenda? The Parish Council occasionally has an item affecting this interest on its agenda but it is not possible to predict in advance how often or when this will be. Accordingly, the dispensation needs to cover all future Parish Council meetings	
What sort of decision is the Parish Council likely to be asked to make? (e.g. is the item only for information? Is it to provide a forum for public discussion? Or is a financial decision of some sort involved?)	
Not possible to predict	
Why do you think your interest is prejudicial?  The Charity is supported financially by the Parish Council and is actively seeking to secure land and other amenities in the parish to further the objectives of the Trust. The Trust already owns land in the parish and has option agreements in respect of other land.	
Might the council's decision affect you financially? In what way?	The Parish Council's decision would not affect me financially as an individual
Is the item about a licensing, planning or other regulatory matter that might affect your interests?	It depends what was being discussed. Not possible to predict
Is it something that a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest?	It depends what was being discussed. Not possible to predict
How many members are there on the council?	Fifteen
How many share this interest (or have another interest that would debar them from taking part in discussion or voting?)	All Parish Councillors are trustees of the Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust
Signed: 	Date 10/10/11