

Dispensation Decision

Date Dispensation Request considered. (by Clerk to the Council as delegated in UPC Standing Orders Clause 53)	4th July 2015 - Updated 2019, 2023
Name of Councillor(s) requesting dispensation:	All elected and co-opted members of Urchfont Parish Council to clarify the position following issues raised at Planning and Full Council meetings on 10 th and 17 th June 2015. Situation still applies in July 2023.
Dispensation granted: Yes/ No	YES
Reasons for the decision (If granted, also specify on what grounds the decision was made, i.e. the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area)	<p>To ensure transparency, that principles of governance are met and in the general interests of all living in the Parish it is considered appropriate that all councillor's should take part in Council debate of and vote on any valid planning application¹ within the Parish boundary EXCEPT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application made by or on behalf of a Councillor (or related others as defined in UPC Code of Conduct Clause 12) in respect of registered land holdings^{2, 3} • An application made by or relating to a councillor's immediate next-door neighbour (all sides of a councillor's registered land holdings)² • An application being made by or on behalf of a non-council member of the Parish, but where a Councillor (or related others as defined in the UPC Code of Conduct Clause 12) is acting as a paid agent, contractor, or advisor to the applicant ^{2, 3} <p>¹ A non-pecuniary interest can and should be declared where necessary, this will not affect the councillor's right to take part or vote ² UPC Standing Orders state that the Councillor is required to leave the room during Council debate and voting, subject to having the right to speak only in the public participation part of the meeting. ³ This scenario should have been registered as a disclosable pecuniary interest by the Councillor in accordance with UPC Code of Conduct Clauses 12 to 16.</p>
The business of the council for which the dispensation has been given (if appropriate)	Discussion and voting on valid planning applications relating to existing properties, land, and new developments within the Parish boundary. All councillor's take part in this activity at monthly Council meetings, site visits and interim planning meetings as appropriate.
Length of dispensation	FOUR YEARS (to July 2027)

Signed:


Bob Lunn, Clerk to Urchfont Parish Council

Dated. 4th July 2023