Application for Dispensation

Councillors with an interest as defined in the *LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct* in a matter being considered in a council meeting must not participate in that item unless they have been granted a dispensation by the Council.

Under s.33, Localism Act 2011, a parish or town councillor with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be granted a dispensation where the Council considers that one or more of the following circumstances applies:-

a. The number of persons prohibited from participating in the business is so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the business.

b. Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

c. It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation

A dispensation can be to take part in discussion in the matter at a meeting, or to take part and vote. It may be for a specific meeting, or for a period (not exceeding four years). Further information is contained in NALC's Legal Topic Note 80.

In councils that have adopted the *LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct*, the same criteria will also apply in respect of 'Other Registerable Interests' and 'Non-Registerable Interests', as defined in the Code.

Councils may choose to delegate responsibility for consideration such applications to the Clerk by resolution of full council.

A councillor seeking a dispensation should complete this form and forward it to the Proper Officer of the Council as soon as possible, and before the matter is to be considered.

1.	Member's name	Nicholas Simon Dixon Mills
2.	Council/committee and date(s) of meeting	Coddenham Parish Council
3.	Agenda item(s) in respect of which you seek dispensation	Agenda items relating to Coddenham Community Shop.

4.	Type of interest and description: Disclosable Pecuniary Other registerable Non-registerable	Non-pecuniary interest. My wife Diane holds twenty x £50 shares in Coddenham Community Shop, a Community Benefit Society. This is declared on my register of interests.
5.	If dispensation is required for one meeting, or a longer period (max 4 yrs.) - please specify	All meetings until 1st of June 2027 or the next council elections, whichever is the earlier.
6.	Reasons why you consider that a dispensation should be granted (see a-c above)	Only in instances where council would otherwise be inquorate, I ask for dispensation to be party of any discussion and voting relating to the Coddenham Community Shop, to ensure council's business isn't delayed.

Signed: _____ (Councillor) Date: 29th September 2026

Under the terms of the Localism Act 2011, this dispensation has been granted as:

It is considered that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.

Signed: _____ Date: 30 Sept 2026

CLERK + RFO