



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

A prejudicial interest is one which if a member of the public knew the relevant facts, would reasonably consider is so significant that it is likely to affect a councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Elected and co-opted councillors of Ketley Parish Council are required by law to declare their interests within 28 days of their election.

Interests can be personal and / or pecuniary.

A pecuniary interest is a financial one and the kind of information you will be required to declare include employment details, property ownership and contracts for example. In some instances, this can also apply to your partner.

Personal interests could be an affiliation with a charity, community group, club or society for example.

A councillor cannot take any part in or vote on any matter in which they have an interest and must leave the room before any business commences.

In the event having read the agenda for a meeting you realise that you have an interest in a matter which has not previously been disclosed, you must declare this at the commencement of the meeting and record it accordingly.

Failure to disclose an interest may not only be a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, which you signed up to when accepting office, but also a criminal offence.

A register of all councillors' pecuniary interests, with the exception of those considered sensitive by the Monitoring Officer, is available to view online or by appointment at the Parish Office.

A register of Gifts & Hospitality is also maintained by the Clerk. Councillors are advised not to accept such offers in order to demonstrate their integrity. However, if you have chosen to accept a gift of any description or a drink, meal, tickets, vouchers or other hospitality, you must record it in the register even if you have subsequently donated or disposed of the item in some way.

Councillors should consult the Clerk if further information is required.
