Bishopthorpe Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. Stewart Harrison

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Dear Ms Hemingway

Please find enclosed a signed application to the Standards Committee to renew the dispensation by members of Bishopthorpe Parish Council regarding the Village Hall in Bishopthorpe. The current dispensation was granted on the 10th August 2007.

Please could you advise me in due course if this application is granted.

Yours sincerely

Cayley Godfrey

Clerk, Bishopthorpe Parish Council

City of York Standards Committee C/O Monitoring Officer

We the undersigned Bishopthorpe Parish Council are making representation to the Standards Committee for dispensation from the provisions of the Code of Conduct, which prevent participation in decisions where members have a prejudicial interest.

Members of the Parish Council are the sole trustees of the charity St Andrew's Reading Room. This charity is responsible for the village hall. The actual responsibility of running the Village Hall rests with the Parish Council who for that purpose had appointed a management committee with three Parish Councillors and selected users of the Village Hall.

Thus at discussions in council about the Village Hall, all councillors would have a prejudicial interest and would be required not to participate.

It is for this reason dispensation is sought on the grounds that more than 50% of the Parish Council membership would be prevented from taking part in the monitoring.

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