

To Whom it may concern :

I am a Parish Councillor for Yealand Redmayne, North Lancashire. My details are :

Name : Glyn Harmer, 17, The Meadows, Yealand Redmayne, LA5 9SY

The village has a problem with their water bills, which cover an amount for sewage. The residents had been advised by the Lancaster City Council last year that the cost incurred in repairing the Klargester water system (caused by oversight on the part of the City Council) would be borne by the Council and not passed on to the residents.

The residents wish the Parish Council to take up the matter on their behalf.

There are 5 councillor seats, all of which of which are occupied . (I was Co-Opted onto the Parish Council recently). We need three to be quorate at meetings.

Four of the five Councillors have a personal (in that their sewage is dealt with by the Klargester) and possibly a prejudicial and financial interest (in that if the bill is reduced, they would benefit from that reduction).

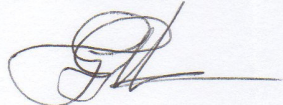
Of the hundred or so houses in the village, 48 are connected to the Klargester. Clearly to act as a Parish Councillor in this instance is to be acting for a majority of the residents.

I wish to apply, therefore, for a dispensation, that will allow me to speak and vote on this matter, on the grounds that over 50% of the Council members would otherwise be prevented from taking a full part in the Parish Council Meeting because of the prejudicial interest.

Please let me know the next course of action.

Note that the next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Village Hall, Footeran Lane, Yealand Redmayne, on Monday 24th January, at 7.30pm

Yours faithfully,



Glyn Harmer (Councillor)