

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Curry Rivel Parish Council's Code of Conduct adopted – 12th May 2022

I, Councillor ... **Matthew Francis Geen**

a Member of Curry Rivel Parish Council (the Council') give notice that

Either

I have no registrable interests which are required to be declared under the Council's Code of Conduct, and I have put 'none' where I have no such interests under any heading.

Or

I have set out below under the appropriate headings my interests, and those of my spouse/civil partner (or person with whom I am living as such) of which I am aware, which I am required to declare under the Council's Code of Conduct. These include any disclosable pecuniary interests under sections 29 to 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, and I have put '**none**' where I have no such interests under any heading.

Note:

- 1. Where you consider that information relating to any of your interests is a 'Sensitive Interest' you need not include that interest provided you have consulted with the Monitoring Officer and he agrees that it need not be included. A 'Sensitive Interest' is an interest which could create or is likely to create a serious risk that you or a person connected with you may be subjected to violence or intimidation.*
- 2. Where the interest is no longer a 'Sensitive Interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of that change.*
- 3. This form gives general guidance, but is not comprehensive. The District Council's Code of Conduct gives precise requirements. The Localism Act and the Regulations named above should be referred to where necessary. Continuation sheets should be used where needed and clearly marked.*
- 4. The Localism Act 2011 extends the requirement for registration to cover not just the member's own interests, but also those of the member's spouse or civil partner, or someone living with the member in a similar capacity i.e. as their spouse for civil partner. There is no requirement to detail a spouse or civil partners interest separately.*

1. Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation

1.1 You should disclose any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, including the name of any person or body who employs or has appointed you, **and that of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

My own paid employment is:

- 1. **Joint director of ITER Systems, a company registered in France, which makes sonar surveying equipment**
- 2. **Sole director of my own one-man engineering consultancy company, Matt Geen Consulting Ltd., specialising in sonar systems engineering work**

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My wife is employed by Natural England, which is a UK government department.

2. Sponsorship

2.1. You should declare any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the last 12 months in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member, or towards your election expenses, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

Note - This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union

None

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3. Securities

3.1 You should detail any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has to your knowledge a place of business or land in the Parish of and **either** the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital, **or** one hundredth of the total issued share capital of any class of shares issued, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

None

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4. Contracts

4.1 You should detail any current undischarged contract made between you, or a body in which you have a beneficial interest, and the Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

None

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5. Land, Licences and Corporate Tenancies

5.1 Land

You should detail any beneficial interest in land (**and this includes your house**) within the Parish of (excluding any easement, or right in or over land which does not carry the right to occupy or receive income), **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

My wife and I jointly own our house on Dyers Road, Curry Rivel

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5.2 Licences

You should detail any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Parish of Curry Rivel for a month or longer, **and those of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware:

None

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5.3 Corporate Tenancies

You should detail any tenancy where to your knowledge, the Council is the landlord and the tenant is a body in which you have a beneficial interest, **and any such tenancy of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware

None

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6. Membership of other bodies

6.1 Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council.

Chair of the Curry Rivel Heating Initiatives project working group

Member of the Curry Rivel Active Travel working group

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6.2 Any body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

I am a member (and informally secretary) of the Old School Room Management Committee, which looks after the Old School Room, a public hall in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel.

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6.3 Any body directed to charitable purposes of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Self: None

My wife is a trustee of a trust set up to purchase and manage a field for public enjoyment and ecological restoration, off Hellards Hill Lane

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6.4 Any body one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

I am secretary and treasurer of "Somerset Loves Europe", and organisation set up to encourage UK involvement in Europe and the European Union.

I am a member of:

- **The Institute of Physics**
 - **The Green Party**
 - **The RSPB**
 - **The National Trust**
 - **The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**
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7. Disclosure of Gifts and Hospitality

7.1 You must reveal the name of any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 which you have received in your capacity as a member of the Council.

Date of receipt of Gift/Hospitality	Name of Donor	Reason and Nature of Gift/Hospitality
None		

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You are reminded that you must update the register within 28 days of receiving any further gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 by completing a continuation sheet which may be obtained from your Clerk.

8. Changes to Registered Interests

8.1. I understand that I must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any new or change in the above interests, including any change in relation to a sensitive interest, provide written notification thereof to the Council's Monitoring Officer.

8.2. I recognise that it is a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct to:

- (1) omit information that ought to be given in this notice;
- (2) provide information that is materially false or misleading;
- (3) fail to give further notices in order to
 - bring up to date information given in this notice;
 - declare an interest that I acquire after the date of this notice and have to declare

and that any breach of the Code of Conduct can be referred to the Standards Committee.

8.3 I understand that failure (without reasonable excuse) to register or disclose any disclosable pecuniary interest in accordance with section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7) of the Localism Act 2011, or participating in any discussion or vote in contravention of section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011, or taking any steps in contravention of section 31(8) of the Localism Act 2011 is a criminal offence and risks a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) or disqualification as a member for a period not exceeding 5 years.

8.4 I hereby undertake to comply with Curry Rivel Parish Council's Code of Conduct

Signed: **(Councillor)**

Date: 17/04/2023