

**ELDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT – AMENDMENT**

**REPORT OF CLERK**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council a new Code of Conduct for members was agreed. The Code came into force on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Subsequent to the adoption of the Code, CDALC advised Councils that an incorrect version of the Code had been distributed and it recommended that a revised version should be adopted.

The paragraph affected is 9.2 and a copy of the original paragraph (with strikethrough) is set out below, together with the suggested replacement paragraph following.

~~9.2 — Members with an Other Relevant Interest as described in 9.1. above:~~

~~(a) — must make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent; and—~~

~~(b) — must not participate in any discussion or further discussion of an item of business or in any vote or further vote taken on that item which affects or relates to the subject matter in which they have an Other Relevant Interest at any meeting at which they are present and will leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.~~

Replacement paragraph:

*9.2 Where a member has an Other Relevant Interest in an item of business as described in 9.1, the member shall declare it at the earliest opportunity. The member may make a representation on the item but will not be permitted to participate in any discussion or vote taken on the matter at the meeting. The member must leave the meeting once the representation has been made to avoid influence on those making the decision.*

I **RECOMMEND** that paragraph 9.2 of the Code of Conduct as adopted on 11th January be struck out and replaced by a new paragraph 9.2 as set out above and that the revised Code be adopted with immediate effect.

**Tom Bolton**

Clerk to the Council