

## Conflicts of interest on the Management Committee

### Guidelines

The Management Committee is responsible for the governance and maintenance of Jordans Village. Its members are usually residents of the village, and so are likely to be affected, directly or indirectly, by some of the decisions taken by the Committee. However, it is important that the decisions taken by the Committee are – and are seen to be – taken in the best interests of JVL, and that its members are not put in a position where their personal position or interests may sway their votes or views away from this duty.

The MC recognises that a strict interpretation of a conflict of interest would prevent the participation of some members in important decisions taken by the Committee, for example, house owners considering planning policies or the Road and Amenity Charge, or JVL tenants considering rent changes or maintenance programmes. As a result, decisions on these matters would be taken by a smaller number of members, possibly resulting in sub-optimal decisions or decisions that do not command widespread support in the village.

The MC therefore wishes to follow these guidelines:

1. All members should be able to participate and vote on a **general** matter that affects the whole of the village, or groups of people or areas in the village (for example policies, financial budgets, maintenance programmes, etc)
2. Members who have a direct interest in a **specific** matter being discussed (for example, a planning application at their own or at an adjacent property, JVL's maintenance of their property, or a matter involving a close relative) should leave the room during the discussion and not participate in the vote.
3. If a member excluded under 2 above has some information that would assist the Committee in its deliberations, the Chair may invite the member to provide that information before leaving the room
4. Other cases not covered by 1 or 2 above may arise from time to time. Any member is able to question whether a potential conflict of interest may exist, and the Chair will decide how it should be handled. If the member subject to the potential conflict of interest disagrees with the Chair's decision, it will be put to a decision of the whole committee (excluding the potentially conflicted member).

These guidelines also apply to the MC's sub-committees.

Approved by JVL Management Committee  
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