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**RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Colney Heath Village Parish Office Keys**

I am replying to you in response to your email received 1st April 2021 which was requested to be treated as Freedom of Information request.

The questions you asked are addressed with responses as follows:

Your request:

Please provide evidence when the key to the office was issued to the Colney Heath Village Hall.

Our response:

The Parish Council are refusing to disclose the requested information on the basis of the legal professional privilege as stated in section 42 of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). The requested information forms part of an active eviction case between this Parish Council and an entity that, should the information become public by disclosure may prejudice the outcome of the case.

As required in section 2(2)(b) a public interest test was carried out to discern whether this information should be shared and with reference to this a) it was clear that a strong public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the legally privileged information which was effectively built into the section 42 exemption and b) weighing the public interest balance.

I consider that the public interest is weighted in favour of refusing to release this information. On balance I consider the reasons for release of the information are outweighed by the weight of the reasons to withhold the information as set out above. Therefore, the information is withheld for the reasons set out above.

However as stated in section 1(1)a, the Parish Council confirms it does hold detailed information on this matter and once the matter is resolved or by disclosure as part of the legal process this information will be disclosed.

You have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to the Council
For and on behalf of
Colney Heath Parish Council**