

Standards Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 06 November 2014 at 10:00

Present:

Councillor Tate (in the Chair), Councillors Andrews and Robinson-Payne.

Councillor Peck attended as as substitute for Councillor Collins.

Councillor T Wainwright attended as a substitute for Councillor Jeal.

Mr C Skinner (Monitoring Officer), Mr D Johnson (Nplaw), Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs K Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

Mr B Hardisty (Member of Hopton Parish Council) and Mr M Pearce (Member of Hopton Parish Council).

5 Witnesses attended on behalf of complaints.

5 Members of public in the gallery.

Appellant attended.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were confirmed.

4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was agreed that the public and press would only be excluded from the meeting if required.

5 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

The Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's Report about the Code of Conduct Complaint and the appeal against the Decision to take no further action on the complaints.

RESOLVED: That the Committee uphold the decision to take no further action on the complaints. However it recommended that in the future all declarations be minuted, explaining why the declarations had been made.

5a APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

6 THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

7 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

It was agreed that this would be advertised and the interview process would commence.

8 VOTING RIGHTS FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was agreed that the Cabinet Secretary would write to DCLG to ask if Parish Councillors would be able to vote on the Standards Committee.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at: 12:22