

# Standards Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, 25 September 2014 at 10:00

### PRESENT:

Councillor Tate (in the Chair); Councillor Andrews & Robinson-Payne

Councillor Peck attended as a substitute for Councillor Collins and Councillor T Wainwright attended as a substitute for Councillor Jeal.

Mr L Gent (Parish Council Member)

Mr C Skinner (Monitoring Officer), Mr D Johnson (nplaw), Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs C Webb (Member Services Officer & PA to Leader of Council)

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillor Gent declared a personal interest in the item as he was a Parish Councillor for Hopton Parish Council.

### **2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2014 were confirmed.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer reported that with regard to minute number 6, a report would be presented to the next meeting on the issue of the ability of Parish Councillors on the Standards Committee being able to vote and not just act as observers.

### **3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

The Public were not excluded from the meeting.

### **4 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT**

The Committee considered the Monitoring Officer's report regarding the appeal against the decision to take no action on a Code of Conduct complaint.

The Monitoring Officer took the Committee through the salient areas of his report and reminded Members that the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether the matter

should be referred to the Standards committee for a full hearing at a later date.

Members raised concerns that the judgement of the Monitoring Officer left several unanswered questions and felt that a full hearing of the complaint was justified.

RESOLVED:

That the Code of Conduct Complaint be referred to the Standards Committee for determination.

## **5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that there was no other business that was of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration..

The meeting ended at: 10:25