



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Standards Committee

Date: Thursday, 06 November 2014
Time: 10:00
Venue: Council Chamber
Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014.

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4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."

5 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

Details

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

Details

7 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

To consider the appointment of a new Parish Council member following the resignation of Parish Councillor Jewell.

8 VOTING RIGHTS FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Committee will consider the granting of voting rights for Parish Councillors.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

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