

# Standards Committee

## Minutes

Friday, 11 March 2016 at 10:00

PRESENT :

Councillor M Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Jeal, Robinson-Payne.

Mr P Manifold (Parish Council Representative), Mr C Skinner ( Monitoring Officer), Mr R Hodds (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs S Wintle (Member Services Officer).

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Coleman and Parish Councillor Manifold declared an interest in the item relating to Martham Parish Council but were both allowed to speak and vote on the matter.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies fro absence were received from Councillor Lawn.

### **3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

### **4 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November were confirmed.

### **5 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLOR JOHNSON**

The Committee considered the report of Mr D Johnson, Solicitor nplaw who had been appointed as the Investigating Officer into a complaint by Mr T Willis of 7 Pine Close Martham, that a Martham Parish Councillor Mark Johnson had breached the Parish Council's Code of Conduct by failing to declare an interest as required by the code.

The Monitoring Officer had concluded that there had been no breach of the code by Parish Councillor Johnson but Mr Willis had exercised his right of appeal and had requested that the matter be considered by the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer reminded the Committee that they should decide if it considers a breach has occurred and if so what, if any, sanctions would be appropriate.

The Monitoring Officer pointed out that the complainant Mr Willis had been invited to attend but had chosen not to do so.

RESOLVED:

That having heard the evidence and having read the papers the Standards Committee conclude that no further action should be taken on this matter.

The meeting ended at: 10:15