Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee Review Sub-Committee held on 17 August 2010 commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Independent Member: Mr. Riddell (Chairman)

Parish/Town Council Representative: Mr. Taylor

District Council Representative: Cllr. Waller

Monitoring Officer: Mrs. Nuttall

Democratic Services Officer: Mr. Keatley

1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Cllr. Waller declared a personal interest as he knew the Subject Member as a fellow District Councillor.

Mr Taylor declared a personal interest as he knew the Subject Members through meetings of the Kent Association of Local Councils.

2. <u>CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR A REVIEW OF THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF A COMPLAINT THAT A MEMBER HAS BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

Resolved: That the meeting of the Review Sub-Committee to discuss the allegations of Member misconduct (reference FC 35R) be held in confidential session.

FC 35R

These matters related to a Parish Councillor.

The potential breaches of the Code of Conduct identified in the complaint were:

Paragraph 3 (1) – you must treat others with respect.

Resolved: That no further action be taken in respect of the complaint.

Reason

The Review Sub-Committee considered there was insufficient evidence in the original complaint and no additional evidence has been provided in the letter requesting a review on 16 July 2010, particularly supporting evidence from anyone else who was present at the meeting of the parish council in question on the date of the alleged incident.

The Review Sub-Committee also considered in a case of this kind where an alleged oral statement had been complained about, the reliance on individuals memories of the event meant

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that it was unsatisfactory to delay the complaint. This was in accordance with the decision criteria set out in the Council's published guidance.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:51 A.M.