

Minutes of a meeting of the
Standards Committee Assessment Sub-Committee held on
18 October 2010 commencing at 2:30 p.m.

Present:	Independent Member:	Mr A Riddell (Chairman)
	Parish/Town Council Representative:	Mr. D W Taylor
	District Council Representative:	Cllr A L Waller
	Monitoring Officer:	Mrs C Nuttall
	Democratic Services Manager:	Mr A Round
Also Present:	Democratic Services Officer:	Mr D Lagzdins

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Waller declared that he knew the complainant and Subject Member only by sight.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That the meeting of the panel to discuss the allegations of Member misconduct (reference FC36) be held in confidential session.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALLEGATIONS THAT A MEMBER HAS BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT

FC36

This matter related to a District Councillor.

The potential breach of the Code of Conduct was identified as paragraph 3(1):

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

It was noted that since the Sub-Committee originally referred the matter to the Monitoring Officer on 4 August 2010 there had been conciliation between the subject member and complainant. The subject member had apologised. It was also noted that the complainant had requested a withdrawal of the complaint. As a result of these developments the Monitoring Officer brought the matter back to the Assessment Sub-Committee under s.16 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 for reconsideration.

The Sub-Committee agreed to thank the Monitoring Officer for her work to resolve the matter.

Resolved: That the initial decision to investigate be reversed and that no further action be recommended.

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Reason Given that an apology had been offered by the subject member and accepted by the complainant, and that the complainant no longer wished to co-operate with the investigation, the Sub-Committee decided it was no longer appropriate to commence the investigation.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 2:53 P.M.