

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Held on: **WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2007**

Held in: **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRADLEY ROAD TROWBRIDGE**

Present:

District Council
Representatives: Cllrs Clark, March and Martindale

External
Representatives: Bruce Epsley, Tony Frost and Gerry Robson

Also Present Cllrs H Osborn and J Osborn

Officers: Head of Legal & Democratic Services (NM), Corporate Director (TD)
and Member Support Team Leader (PS)

38. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peter Leach and Sue Ezra.

40. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 5 July were approved and signed by the Chairman.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr March declared a personal interest as he knew Bill Braid.

42. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There were no announcements

43. STANDARDS BOARD COMPLAINT : CONSIDERATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

As the meeting did not have a Town Council representative present, the committee was inquorate for this item and it was therefore agreed to defer it to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Standards Committee on 11 October 2007.

44. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN – JULY ISSUE

The Head of Legal & Democratic Services presented the report which highlighted the key points of the Standards Board for England's July Bulletin. Members were asked whether they considered that any aspects of the Bulletin should be circulated among Councillors and/or Town and Parish Clerks for forwarding to their Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Bulletin be circulated to all District Councillors and Town and Parish Clerks.

45. STANDARDS TRAINING

The Head of Legal & Democratic Services presented the report which asked members to consider any future training needs. Several suggestions were made and it was

RESOLVED

That training on the role of the Standards Committee and further training on the Code of Conduct for all Members be arranged. Also training on how a review of the Constitution is carried out.

46. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN

The Chairman asked the committee to consider which items they would like to add to the forward workplan

RESOLVED

That the following items be added to the committee's forward workplan:

- **Planning protocol training**
- **Training needs of Town and Parish Councillors**
- **Publicity for the Standards Committee annual report**
- **Report of the Standards Sub-Committee of 26 July**

47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee will be held on Thursday 11 October 2007 in the Council Chamber, at the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

(7.00pm – 7.50pm)

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