

Minutes

19 July 2004
Committee Room 2
Bourne Hill, Salisbury
Commencing at 2.00 pm

63. **Present:**

Mrs M F Lewis (Independent Person), Mr R Job (Independent Person), Councillors C G Mills and B M E Rycroft and Mr M Chandler (Parish Representative).

In attendance: Councillor J Walsh (Deputy Member), Mrs G Newell (Principal Solicitor/Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mr P J Bellas (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Apologies: Cllr J B Hooper (Deputy Member) and Mr R G Crook (Deputy Parish Representative).

64. **Election of Chairman:**

Agreed – that Mrs M F Lewis be elected Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

MRS M F LEWIS IN THE CHAIR

65. **Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Agreed – that Mr R Job be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

66. **Public Question/Statement Time:**

There were none.

67. **Minutes:**

Agreed: that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th April 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

69. **Implementation of Appeals Panel Recommendations:**

Consideration was given to the report of the Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer (previously circulated).

Agreed:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer be asked to re-circulate the memorandum dated 16th June 2004 (attached as an Annex to the report) with the inclusion of a request at the end of the fourth paragraph to ensure that letters to members of the public are copied to relevant councillors for information.

70. **Complaint to the Standards Board for England:**

Consideration was given to the report of the Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer (previously circulated).

Arising from the report the Committee noted that the approach taken by the Standards Board was based on a very narrow interpretation of the provisions of the Code of Conduct and on the balance of probabilities. It was considered that these matters would be important when the Committee is asked to determine complaints referred by the Standards Board.

Agreed – that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 2.30 pm