

Committee: Standards Committee

Date: Thursday 8 July 2010

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Dr Sadie Reynolds (Chairman)	Jim McBeth (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Fred Blackwell	Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath	Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor James Macnamara	Councillor George Parish
Councillor Rose Stratford	Councillor Douglas Williamson
Derek Bacon	Kenneth Hawtin
Councillor David Carr	Councillor Alan Greenslade-Hibbert

Substitutes

**Councillor John Coley, Councillor Ken Attack,
Councillor Nick Cotter, Councillor Margaret
Cullip, Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards,
Councillor P A O'Sullivan, Councillor Leslie F
Sibley and Councillor Lawrie Stratford**

AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Chairman**
- 2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**
- 3. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members**
- 4. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

5. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

6. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

7. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2010.

8. Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 8th June, 2010 of Standards Assessment Sub-Committee (Pages 5 - 6)

To note the Minutes of the Assessment Sub-Committee held on 8 June 2010.

9. Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 22nd June, 2010 of Standards Assessment Sub-Committee (Pages 7 - 10)

To note the Minutes of the Assessment Sub-Committee held on 22 June 2010.

10. Requests for Member Dispensations - Barford St John and St Michael Parish Council (Pages 11 - 14)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer

Summary

To consider a request from the seven members of Barford St John and St Michael Parish Council for dispensations to enable them to participate in meetings of the Parish Council when matters relating to Barford St Michael Village Hall are considered, despite having personal and prejudicial interests.

Recommendations

The Standards Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Approve that dispensations, limited to a period expiring on the date of the next Parish Council elections for Barford St John and St Michael in May 2014, be granted to the present Barford St John and St Michael Parish Councillors (namely Rodney Silvester, Tracey Bullard, Sandi Turner, Robin George Woolgrove, Peter Leslie Eden, Sarah Louise Best and Lisa Jane Styles) to enable them to participate in meetings of the Parish Council when matters relating to Barford St Michael Village Hall are considered.

- (2) Approve that the dispensation mentioned in (1) above also be given to any new Parish Councillors joining the Parish Council in the meantime, subject to the Parish Clerk providing the relevant details to the Monitoring Officer.

11. Requests for Member Dispensation - Wroxton Parish Council (Pages 15 - 18)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Services

Summary

To consider a request from members of Wroxton Parish Council for dispensations to enable them to participate in meetings of the Parish Council when all matters relating to the proposed Sports Pavilion and Community Hall in Wroxton and the proposed Village Hall in Balscote, are considered despite having a personal and prejudicial interest.

Recommendations

The Standards Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Approve that dispensations, limited to a period expiring on the date of the next Parish Council elections for Wroxton in May 2014, be granted to the present Wroxton Parish Councillors (namely Barry Allen, David Edicott, Robert Jesson, David McNaught, Michael Roberts, Carl Nicholson and Michael Whelan) to enable them to participate in meetings of the Parish Council when matters relating to the proposed Sports Pavilion and Community Hall in Wroxton and the proposed Village Hall in Balscote are considered.
- (2) Approve that the dispensation mentioned in (1) above also be given to any new Parish Councillors joining the Parish Council in the meantime, subject to the Parish Clerk providing the relevant details to the Monitoring Officer.

12. Draft Standards Annual Report 2009/10 (Pages 19 - 28)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer

Summary

This report presents the draft annual report for 2009/10 for Members' consideration.

Recommendations

The Standards Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the Annual Report 2009/10.
- (2) Approve the publicity arrangements for the Annual Report 2009/10 as set out in the report.
- (3) Recommend to Council that the Annual Report for 2009/10 from the Standards Committee be approved.

- (4) Delegate to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services authority to update the Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10 in light of any announcements about the Standards Board regime by the Government prior to the publication of the Annual Report.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221591 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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