

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday, 10th March, 2006

Councillor P.J.P Lesquereux (Chairman)

Councillors:	P.G. Barnes (a)	F.J.D. Boot
	C.N.F.W. Pratt	Mr. J.R. Baggaley
	Mr. G.D Proctor	Mr. G Wallis

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Barnes.

13 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2006

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 MEETINGS AND TRAINING

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report in respect of the following:-

i. Parish Council Meetings

It was reported that the programmed meetings with the Borough's Parish Councils were now largely completed and the minutes of the meetings were submitted at Appendix 1.

ii. Membership of the Committee

The Chairman, had indicated a wish to resign from the Committee, and it was now appropriate to consider the process that might be necessary for the recruitment to the Standards Committee.

iii. Training

Members of the Standards Committee were likely to be more closely concerned with the Investigation and adjudication of complaints in the future and it was, therefore, considered that the Independent Members, in particular, would benefit

from an opportunity to improve their appreciation of the structures and processes of the Council.

iv. Role of the Chairman

The Standards Committee was chaired by an Independent Member, who unlike the Chairman of every other Committee of the Council, was therefore, not able to take part in meetings of the full Council when the Minutes of their Committee were presented.

The Deputy Chairman of the Committee was, an elected member and therefore able to participate in full Council to represent the Committee's views.

Members were asked to consider whether to request Council to permit the Independent Member Chairman to sit at full Council.

RESOLVED:

i. Parish Council Meetings.

That a report be made to the next meeting with the minutes of all the Parish meetings.

ii. Committee Membership

That the Council be asked to undertake the recruitment process for the appointment of independent Members to the Standards Committee.

iii. Training

That Members of the Committee be kept informed of training events for Members, Committee dates and Licensing Panel Hearings.

iv. Role of the Chairman

To defer consideration of this item to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.