

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of a special meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Independent Members: R. H. Bishop and J. Yates.

Parish Council Members: - H. Wright.

Members: - H. Gilmour, V. P. Mills, and A. M. Syrett

Officers:-

S.E.A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer) and K. Rodda (Democratic Services Officer).

Also present at the meeting was Councillor R. Bowler (Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council), D. Eccles (Head of Regeneration) and J. Fieldsend (Senior Principal Solicitor)

J. Yates – Chair

768. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Connerton, S. Wallis and Parish Councillor T. Munro.

769. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

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770. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor A. M. Syrett, seconded by Councillor H. Gilmour

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

771. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION FROM OLD BOLSOVER TOWN COUNCIL EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Senior Principal Solicitor presented the report which sought dispensation for seven Members of Old Bolsover Town Council.

A letter from the Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council was attached to the report and this gave detailed information of how seven of the Old Bolsover Town Councillors had indicated that they had personal and prejudicial interests in an issue relating to the disposal of part of a Playing Field in Bolsover, and without a dispensation, the Town Council would not be able to make a decision.

The Head of Regeneration confirmed that it was an important decision that the Members had to make and how a full debate would take place on this at the Town Council.

The Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council further explained how the seven Members felt that they ought to be involved in the decision.

Councillor Gilmour asked how long they would need the dispensation for and the Senior Principal Solicitor explained how two months would be about right.

The Senior Principal Solicitor, the Head of Regeneration and the Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council left the meeting at this point.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to grant a three month dispensation.

The Senior Principal Solicitor, the Head of Regeneration and the Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council came back into the meeting.

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The Chair commended the Chair of Old Bolsover Town Council on the quality of the report.

Moved by Councillor A. M. Syrett, seconded by Councillor H. Gilmour
RESOLVED that a three month dispensation be granted to seven Old Bolsover Town Councillors.

(Solicitor to the Council)

The meeting closed at 1419 hours.