

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in Committee Room 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

### **PRESENT:-**

Independent Member: J. Yates.

Parish Council Members: - H. Wright.

Members: - T. Connerton, H. Gilmour, A. M. Syrett and S. Wallis.

Officers:-

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

Also present at the meeting was Mr. N. Taylor, Clerk to South Normanton Parish Council.

J. Yates – Chair

### **919. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from K. Belshaw (Independent Member)

### **920. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items of business, but there was an extra item to consider, a request for a dispensation by Members of South Normanton Parish Council which would be considered as Agenda item No. 13.

### **921. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Min No.	Councillor	Level of Interest
923a	S. Wallis	Personal and Prejudicial

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### 922. MINUTES – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Moved by Councillor H. Gilmour, seconded by T. Munro

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of a meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be approved as a correct record.

### 922a. MINUTES – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February be approved as a correct record.

At this point in the meeting Agenda Item No. 13, a request for dispensation was brought forward.

Councillor S. Wallis had declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in the following item, as a District Councillor but after taking advice from the Monitoring officer, stayed in the meeting in her role as Parish Councillor to answer questions on the application.

### 923. REQUEST FOR A DISPENSATION BY MEMBERS OF SOUTH NORMANTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Legal and Standards Officer presented the report which sought dispensation from ten members of South Normanton Parish Council in order to allow a decision to be made on the future of South Normanton Community Centre.

Mr N. Taylor gave further information to the meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** that a six month dispensation be granted to the 10 members of South Normanton Parish Council.

(Solicitor to the Council)

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### 924. NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Notes from a meeting between the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Standards Committee were circulated to the meeting for information.

### 925. SCRUTINY CONSTITUTION CHANGES

- (1) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF IMPROVEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- (2) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SAFE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- (3) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- (4) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD
- (5) PART 4.5 OF THE CONSTITUTION – SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES
- (6) PART 4.6 OF THE CONSTITUTION – PROCEDURE FOR CALL – IN

The Terms of Reference for the 3 new Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Management Board, the changes to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules and the Procedure for Call – in were presented to the meeting by the Monitoring Officer.

Scrutiny members had seen the draft terms of reference at their last meeting. At the request of Members, Members of the Executive would be given copies to consider prior to the documents being referred to Council.

Moved by Councillor H. Gilmour, seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett  
**RECOMMENDED** that that the following be referred to Council for inclusion in the Constitution

- (1) the Terms of Reference for the Improvement Scrutiny Committee, the Safe and Inclusive Communities Scrutiny Committee the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Management Board
- (2) the changes to Part 4.5, the Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Constitution
- (3) the changes to Part 4.6, the Procedure for Call – In of the Constitution.

(Council)

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### **926. ANNUAL REPORT TO STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND**

The Annual Report was circulated to the meeting for information. This would be presented to Council in June 2010 by the Chair of Standards Committee.

The report was noted.

### **927. UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF NEW CO-OPTEEES**

The Legal and Standards officer reported that interviews for the new Independent Co-opted Members had taken place. Six had been offered a position on Standards Committee, training would be organised, and it was hoped that they would start at the first Standards Committee in the new cycle.

### **928. COMPLAINTS UPDATE REPORT**

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that no further complaints had been received, and that there was one still outstanding from 2008.

The report was noted.

### **929. STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND CONFERENCE**

This report was for member's information.

### **930. DRAFT 2010/11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK – PLAN – SUGGESTIONS**

The Legal and Standards officer presented the Draft Standards Committee work plan to the meeting.

The report was noted.

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### **931. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

The Legal and Standards officer presented the Standards Committee work plan to the meeting.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded at 1503 hours.