

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the REFERRALS (ASSESSMENT) SUB COMMITTEE held in ROOM D4, FIRST FLOOR, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST. MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, CAMBS, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 9 June 2009.

PRESENT: Mr P Boothman – Chairman.
Councillor Mrs B E Boddington and
Mr G Watkins.

65. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 17th adjourned to 25th March 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

67. GUIDANCE TO ASSIST ASSESSMENT OF CASE

The Guidance produced by the Standards Board for England and collated by the Monitoring Officer to assist the Sub-Committee in their assessment of the case submitted was received and noted.

68. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information under paragraph 7 (c) relating to the deliberations of a Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000.

69. PRE-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENQUIRIES - CASE NO. 13

Members considered the following documents collated by the Monitoring Officer (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) to assist the Sub-Committee in its deliberations -

- (a) original complaint - email from Councillor C R Hyams dated 19th May 2009 to which was attached:
 - ◆ Minutes of Godmanchester Annual Town Meeting dated 7th April 2009;
 - ◆ email to Godmanchester Town Council dated 3rd April 2009;
 - ◆ Godmanchester Newsletter - March 2009;
 - ◆ Godmanchester Newsletter - Spring 2009;
- (b) email from Councillor C R Hyams to Colin Meadowcroft

dated 19th May 2009.

- (c) further draft Minutes, Godmanchester Annual Town Meeting dated 7th April 2009;
- (d) title page - presentation given by Mr Wilson in his capacity as Regional Strategic Environmental Planning Manager, Environment Agency;
- (e) ICE - Institution of Civil Engineers - introductory page;
- (f) Environment Agency - Attendance List Anglian River Basin District Liaison Panel - 17th September 2008;
- (g) Anglian Region Environment Protection Advisory Committee - Attendance List and Apologies - 12th November 2008;
- (h) press release - Environment Agency - 17th October 2008;
- (i) Planning for Water Conference - Speaker Biography; and
- (j) the Minutes of Godmanchester Town Council dated 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 21st August, 18th September, 16th October, 20th November and 11th December, 2008; 15th January, 19th February and 19th March, 2009 were available to view at the meeting;
- (k) original complaint from Councillor J J Dutton dated 20th May 2009; and
declaration of financial and other interests - Councillor G M Wilson.

70. INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CASE NO. 13

The Sub-Committee considered the allegations made in the case against a Councillor serving on Godmanchester Town Council seeking the advice of the Monitoring Officer as necessary.

On the basis of the evidence before them, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that the allegation made against Councillor G M Wilson that he failed to comply with paragraph 8 (i) of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct be not referred for investigation but referred to the Monitoring Officer for other action as set out in the "Decision Notice": Referral for Other Action" appended to these Minutes.

Chairman