

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISION

NAME OF AUTHORITY: HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL	
Name of Member who the allegation has been made about	Councillor G J Bull
Name of person who made the original allegation	Councillor R D Hutchcraft
Case Reference No. Standards Board for England	SBE 9683.05
Name of Chairman of Hearing	Mr D H Bristow
Names of Standards Committee members who took part in the hearing	Councillor T D Sanderson and Messrs D L Hall and D MacPherson
Name of Monitoring Officer	Mr P Watkins
Name of the Ethical Standards Officer who referred the matter	Mr N Marcar
Name of Investigating Officer	Ms C Deller
Name of Clerk to the Hearing	Mr A Roberts
Date, time, place of hearing	Thursday 25th August 2005 at 10.00 am, Meeting Room 1, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon
Summary of the allegation and relevant section(s) of the Code of Conduct	That Councillor G J Bull failed to disclose a personal interest and failed to withdraw from a meeting of Oldhurst Parish Council when a matter in which he had a prejudicial interest was discussed and voted on contrary to paragraphs 9 and 10(a) of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct
Summary of the evidence considered and representations made	<p>Report by the Investigating Officer.</p> <p>Correspondence received from Councillors Bull and Hutchcraft.</p> <p>Notes of interviews undertaken with the parties concerned (as amended and agreed by the Councillor) and Parish Clerk.</p> <p>Presentation by the Investigating Officer</p> <p>Presentation by Councillor G J Bull assisted by Mrs Bull</p> <p>Responses by Mr R C Lapwood to questions by the Investigating Officer and Councillor G J Bull</p>

Findings of fact	As set out in the report of the Investigating Officer. There were no major areas of disagreement of fact.
Finding as to whether or not the member failed to follow the Code of Conduct	The Committee was satisfied that Councillor G J Bull failed to disclose a personal interest and failed to withdraw from a meeting of Oldhurst Parish Council when a matter in which he had a prejudicial interest was discussed contrary to paragraphs 9 and 10 (a) of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.
Penalties applied	The Committee order that Councillor G J Bull should submit to Oldhurst Parish Council a written apology in a form to be agreed by the Monitoring Officer on behalf of the committee and that he participate in training specified by the Monitoring Officer on ethical standards in local government and, in particular, on the Councillors' Code of Conduct for Parish Councils.
Further recommendation	The Committee also recommended that appropriate training is provided for all Oldhurst Parish Councillors and the Clerk to the Parish Council
Names of Witness	Mr R C Lapwood, Clerk to Oldhurst Parish Council
Right to appeal	The President of the Adjudication Panel The Adjudication Panel for England 23 Victoria Avenue Harrogate HG1 5RD Tel: 01423 538783 Fax: 01423 525164 E-mail: enquiries@adjudicationpanel.co.uk Website: www.adjudicationpanel.co.uk 21 days