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## **Standards Committee**

**Report of the meeting held on 23rd October 2007**

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### **Matters for Information**

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**9. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION –  
FOLKSWORTH AND WASHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Following advice given at a training session offered to town and parish councils on the new code of conduct, an application for dispensation has been received on behalf of the Members of Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council who act as custodian trustees to land occupied by the Village Hall.

Having been satisfied that approval of the application was required to prevent the business of the Parish Council from being impeded, the Committee has granted dispensations to the Members of that Council to enable them to speak and vote for the period ending 30th April 2010 on business involving the award of financial assistance to the Village Hall Management Committee should this arise at their meetings.

**10. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

Three Members reported on their attendance at the 6th Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held in Birmingham in October and have drawn attention to a series of issues which the Committee might be required to address in the future. Notably these included a suggestion that the Code of Conduct could be further refined in 2008, the scale of additional resources required for local authorities to manage the local filter from April 2008 and the potential for the appointment of an additional Independent Member and Parish Council representative to fulfil the requirements of the various bodies needed to consider cases involving breaches of the Code of Conduct.

D L Hall  
Chairman