Standards Committee

Report of the meeting held on 20th November 2008

Matters for Information

10. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION – HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Following advice offered in response to an enquiry regarding the interests held by the Members serving on Hemingford Abbots Parish Council, it has become apparent that Members of that Council required a dispensation to enable them to continue to consider applications for financial assistance received from the Hemingford Abbots Playing Fields Charity.

Having considered the Parish Council's request, the Committee was satisfied that approval of the application in the circumstances described was required to prevent the business of the Parish Council from being impeded. The Committee has, therefore, granted a dispensation to seven Members of Hemingford Abbots Parish Council to enable them to speak and vote for the period ending 30th April 2012, after which time an application for the newly elected Councillors at that time will need to be submitted.

11. STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2008

The Chairman of the Committee attended the Standards Committee Conference held at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham in October and has updated the Committee on the issues and advice dealt with at that event.

D L Hall Chairman