

## Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committee



Date	28 October 2009
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	D D E Birchall (Chairman) Brenda Ackers, Harold Butler
Other Councillors and Standards Committee members	Kevin Eastham, Alan Marsh
Officers	Ian Curtis

### 1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

### 2. Status of meeting

Ian Curtis (Monitoring Officer) apologised for any uncertainty about the status of the meeting. He clarified that it was a meeting of the Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committee and not of the full committee as had been set out on the agenda cover. He particularly apologised to Councillor Eastham and Mr Marsh, who had attended the meeting when they need not have done.

### 3. Complaint about the conduct of Councillor Simon Renwick (SC5)

The sub-committee considered an investigation report by the Monitoring Officer about a complaint that Councillor Renwick had breached paragraphs 3.1, 3.2.2 and 5 of Fylde Borough Council's code of conduct.

The sub-committee RESOLVED:

1. to accept the findings of the Monitoring Officer that there had been no breach of paragraphs 3.2.2 or 5 of the code of conduct; and
2. to refer the allegation of a breach of paragraph 3.1 of the code of conduct to a hearing before a further meeting of the sub-committee for determination in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

4. Complaint about the conduct of Councillor Simon Renwick (SC6)

The sub-committee considered an investigation report by an investigator appointed by the Monitoring Officer about a complaint by Councillor Elizabeth Oades that Councillor Renwick had breached paragraph 6.2 of Fylde Borough Council's code of conduct.

The sub-committee RESOLVED to accept the findings of the investigator that there had been no breach of the code of conduct.

5. Complaint about the conduct of Councillors Linda Burn, Shirley Delany, Marlene Dowling, Trevor Fiddler, Maraline Foster, St John Greenhough, Louis Rigby Colin Robb, Tommy Threlfall and Elizabeth Willis of Freckleton Parish Council (SC10)

The sub-committee considered an investigation report by an investigator appointed by the Monitoring Officer about a complaint by Mr and Mrs Iain and Annette Begg that Councillors Burn, Delany, Dowling, Fiddler, Foster, Greenhough, Rigby, Robb, Threlfall and Willis of Freckleton Parish Council had breached paragraphs 8(1) and 10(1) of Freckleton Parish Council's code of conduct.

The sub-committee RESOLVED:

1. to accept the findings of the investigator that there had been no breach by any of the councillors of paragraph 10(1) of the code of conduct;
2. to accept the finding of the investigator that there had been no breach of paragraph 8(1) of the code of conduct by Councillors Delany, Fiddler, Rigby, Robb or Threlfall in relation to an item about a proposal to introduce a dog control order on the playing fields adjoining the Centre; and
3. to refer the allegation of a breach of paragraph 8(1) of the code of conduct by Councillors Burn, Delany, Dowling, Fiddler, Foster, Greenhough, Rigby, Robb, Threlfall and Willis in relation to an item about the payment of subscriptions for membership of the Rawstorne Centre to a hearing before a further meeting of the sub-committee for determination in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

4. Complaint about the conduct of Councillor Simon Renwick (SC11)

The sub-committee considered an investigation report by the Monitoring Officer about a complaint by Mr George Jennings that Councillor Renwick had breached paragraphs 3.1 and 5 of Fylde Borough Council's code of conduct.

The sub-committee RESOLVED to accept the findings of the investigator that there had been no breach of the code of conduct.