

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING

Committee Room, Riverbank House, Bideford

20th JUNE 2008

PRESENT: Mr B Ormerod (In the Chair)
Mr R Clark and Mrs G Millman (Parish Representatives)
Mr R De – Crausaz, Venerable M Edson, Mr S Morgan and Mrs S Wragge-
Morley and Mr S Yipp (Independent Representatives)
Torrige District Councillors; Mrs M Brown, Mrs R Lock and G Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Miles (Monitoring Officer and Adviser to the Committee) and Karen Smith
(Clerk to the Committee)

APOLOGIES:- Mr J Ager, Mr R De Crausaz and Councillors P Pennington and S Robinson.

13 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed, seconded and:

Resolved: - That Mr B Ormerod be elected Chairman of the Standards Committee and
Mr J Ager be elected as Vice Chairman respectively.

(Vote for 4 - abstain 2)

14 MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held 25th April 2008 be confirmed as a correct record
and signed.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point on the agenda.

16 URGENT MATTERS OF INFORMATION TO BE BOUGHT FORWARD WITH THE
PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE

The Monitoring Officer and Solicitor informed the Committee that an annual conference
was to be held on the 13th and 14th October in Birmingham in relation to Standards and if
Members were interested in attending to let him know.

17 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA PART I AND II

It was agreed that item 10 on the agenda be taken under part II of the agenda.

18 ACTION LIST

The Committee noted the action list and updates as reported.

19 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman introduced Mr C Yipp, newly appointed as Parish Representative to the Standards Committee.

20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman moved:-

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

(Vote for - unanimous)

21 INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Councillor G Lee and Mr R Clarke both declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, as both were personally acquainted with the person involved in the investigation report.

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer reported on a complaint received and investigation undertaken to date. Following a detailed discussion it was;

Resolved

That no further action be taken.

(Vote for – unanimous)

The hearing commenced at 10.00 am and ended at 11.10 am.

Date Chairman