
MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE	27 APRIL 2011
PRESENT	MR HALL (INDEPENDENT MEMBER, IN THE CHAIR) COUNCILLOR FORSTER (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER), HALL (INDEPENDENT MEMBER) AND TAYLOR (CYC MEMBER)

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No personal or prejudicial interests were declared by Members in the business on the agenda.

15. COMPLAINT AGAINST MEMBERS OF OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee considered a complaint made against eleven members of Osbaldwick Parish Council.

It was alleged that the subject members had all been involved in the production of a Parish Council newsletter, the contents of which supported the candidacy of the Parish Council Chair, Cllr Mark Warters, in the forthcoming City Council elections, thus breaching paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Code of Conduct. The newsletter had also contained comments about a City Councillor, allegedly in breach of paragraph 3 of the Code.

Having taken into account the evidence presented, including the view of the auditor that expenditure on the newsletter had been unlawful, it was

RESOLVED: That no action be taken.

REASON: The Sub-Committee considers that the actions of the subject members in producing the newsletter may amount to an improper use of the authority's resources for political purposes, in breach of paragraph 6 of the Code of Conduct, but that the circumstances of the potential breach do not warrant an investigation.

M Hall, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.15 am].