
MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE	4 APRIL 2011
PRESENT	MRS BAINTON (INDEPENDENT MEMBER), HUDSON AND MELLORS (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER)

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

11. COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee considered a complaint made against a member of City of York Council.

It was alleged that the subject member, by way of comments posted on a public website, had not treated others with respect, had disclosed confidential information and had brought the Council into disrepute, thus breaching paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Code of Conduct.

Having considered the evidence provided in support of the complaint, it was

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in this case.

REASON: The Sub-Committee considers that there has been no breach of the Code, as the subject member was not acting in his official capacity, did not disclose information obtained by virtue of his position as a councillor and did not identify the complainant by name.

12. COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER OF OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee considered a complaint made against a member of City of Osbaldwick Parish Council.

It was alleged that the subject member, by way of comments made to the complainant at a meeting of the parish council, had treated the complainant with disrespect and had brought the council into disrepute, thus breaching paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Code of Conduct.

Having considered the evidence provided in support of the complaint, including an additional letter from the complainant circulated at the meeting, it was

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in this case.

REASON: The Sub-Committee considers that the allegations, if proven, would not amount to a breach of the Code, and is of the opinion that the situation has arisen due to the procedures adopted for the running of the parish council meetings.

13. COMPLAINT AGAINST A MEMBER OF UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee considered a complaint made against a member of Upper Poppleton Parish Council.

It was alleged that the subject member had failed to declare an interest in a charitable organisation of which he was a trustee when participating in a decision by the parish council to grant funding to that organisation, thus breaching paragraphs 5, 8, 9, 10 and 12 of the Code of Conduct.

Having considered the evidence provided, including the results of a search on the Charity Commission's website for details of the organisation in question, it was

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in this case.

REASON: The Sub-Committee is satisfied that the subject member was not a trustee of the organisation in question at the time the decision was taken to approve the grant.

C Bainton, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.40 am].