
MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE	20 JULY 2011
PRESENT	MRS BAINTON (INDEPENDENT MEMBER), BARTON AND MELLORS (PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER)

4. 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.

5. REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE ASSESSMENT SUB COMMITTEE ON A COMPLAINT AGAINST MEMBERS OF OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Members reviewed a decision made by the Assessment Sub-Committee on 27 April 2011 to take no further action in respect of a complaint against eleven members of Osbaldwick Parish Council, one of whom was now also a member of City of York Council. The review had been requested by the complainant on 16 May 2011, following the issue of a decision notice.

Having considered all the evidence, including the papers submitted to the Assessment Sub-Committee, the decision notice and the points made by the complainant in the review request, it was

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee on 27 April 2011 be endorsed and that no further action be taken in respect of this complaint.

REASON: The Review Sub-Committee considers that the allegations, if proven, would not amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct requiring the Sub Committee to take action, since:

- a) The primary complaint of the misuse of public funds does not fall within the remit of the Code of Conduct and has been addressed by the auditor
- b) Although there is an arguable case that in making a decision to expend funds on the newsletter Parish Councillors had misused the resources of the Council or had used those resources for political purposes, the Sub Committee does not consider that the allegation demonstrates an ethical conduct issue.
- c) The evidence presented does not support the remaining allegations against the subject members (namely: compromising the impartiality of those working for the Council, bringing the authority into disrepute and failing to treat others with respect).

C Bainton, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.30 pm].