

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCILS STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

16 AUGUST 2006

UPDATES FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. Representative from Hednesford Town Council

Brindley Heath Parish Council have nominated Cllr Stewart Reynolds to be their representative on the Sub-Committee.

2. Complaints to the Standards Board for England

Number of complaints made in 2005-06

complaints	passed for investigation	no action required	hearing
1	1	not completed	not completed

Number of complaints made 1 April 2006 to 31 December 2006

complaints	passed for investigation	no action required	hearing
nil	nil	nil	nil

4. Update on Training

- i. Despite discussions with some Clerks, no training sessions have yet been arranged for Parish/Town Council Members
- ii. Despite a written request, no feedback has been received from the Clerk of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council his Members views of the training DVD "Local Investigations and Hearings" have been received.

5. Guidance booklet on the Code of Conduct

At its meeting on 16 August 2006, Members agreed a guidance for Parish/Town Councillors on the Code of Conduct and requested that the logos of the District Council and all Parish/Town Councils be represented on the cover.

A response has been received from the Clerks to the following Parish/Town Councils :

Brereton and Ravenhill	they have no logo but confirmed should use the name
Bridgtown	logo received
Cannock Wood	they have no logo but confirmed should use the name
Rugeley	logo received

At the time of preparing this update, no response has been received from the other Clerks but any subsequently received will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Members are requested to consider :

- a. whether to proceed with only the names of each of the Parish/Town Councils on the cover given that not all have a logo
- b. whether to proceed with issuing this guidance given that it is anticipated that each Council will have adopted the revised Code of Conduct before the end of 2007 which will make the current guidance superfluous.