

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 21 JUNE, 2010 AT 4.00PM**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT:

Betteridge, Mr. R. (Chairman)	Independent Member
King, Mr. M. (Vice Chairman)	Independent Member

Councillors:

Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Elliott, Mr. M.	Independent Member
Allen, Mrs. M.	Cannock Wood Parish Council

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Burnett, Mrs. S.M. Cartwright and A. Williams. Mrs. J. Chapman, Independent Member, Mr. G. Sindrey, Independent Member. Councillor A. Pearson, Hednesford Town Council, Councillor P.A. Fisher, Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council and Councillor Mrs. P. Williams, Rugeley Town Council.

**2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No declarations of interests were declared.

**3. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

**4. Revised Code of Conduct/Guidance and Standards Matters and Associated Training Needs**

Mr. A. Welch, Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer reported that the Standards Board for England was currently making no progress in respect of the Code of Conduct and associated guidance. He advised Members of the Standards Committee that he would report back to the Committee on any information he may receive.

He advised Members that a training session had been arranged for newly elected Members of the Council in respect of the Code of Conduct and Statutory Role of the Council, although the training was also open to existing Members as well.

**5. Annual Report of Chairman of Standards Committee to Council**

Consideration was given to the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.4).

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented the report and asked Members of the Standards Committee for their comments.

Members of the Standards Committee made a number of comments in respect of the Annual Report and the Chairman reported that in the past year only one complaint had been considered by an Initial Assessment Panel and was pleased that matters were being resolved without being referred to the Committee.

Finally, the Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee with the work that had been undertaken.

**6. Any other Business**

Members of the Committee requested details on future meeting dates which the Senior Committee Officer agreed to forward.

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer referred to the recent inaugural Staffordshire Independent Members Forum he attended regarding Standards and advised that Stoke would be hosting the next meeting which would be held around September time.

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CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.).