

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the meeting Room at the Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Monday 27th November 2017.

Present:

Councillors M J Bowering (Chairman), R J Clarke, M T Fitzpatrick and Mrs J Killoran.

Independent Member:

Mrs A Johnson.

Parish Council Member:

Councillors P Cooper and C Keen.

Officers Present:

The Monitoring Officer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Mr G Goodall (Independent Person).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J Jones, Mrs J Parkin (Independent Member) and Mrs R Melbourne (Deputy Independent Person).

52/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor M Bowering declared an interest in Minute no. 56/17 in that he was a witness to the incident complained about, so he left the meeting for this item.

53/17 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

54/17 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business pursuant to Rule 12.

55/17 UPDATE ON PLANNING CODE FOR COUNCILLORS

Members received a short update on the Planning Code for Councillors document which was circulated prior to the meeting. The Monitoring Officer requested that Members indicated whether they considered it fit for purpose to be used by Parish Councillors.

An opportunity for questions followed

It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer and Peter Cooper (Parish Councillor) made final amendments to the document and circulated it to parish councillors for adoption.

56/17 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING A COMPLAINT

MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

Chairman