

**MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE
18TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Goode)
The Vice Chair (Councillor Bradshaw)
Councillors Dent, Matthews, Roberts and
Woodward
Councillor Ball and Jones (Parish Members)

Head of Governance and Human Resources
Democratic Services Manager
Democratic Services Officer (NC)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Brookes and Ellingworth

The Chair stated that the meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. She also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

7. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

8. QUESTIONS UNDER COMMITTEE PROCEDURE 12.8

No questions had been received.

9. UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Considered a report of the Monitoring Officer providing an update on complaints received about breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct and any issues arising from those complaints (item 5 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Monitoring Officer noted that since the last meeting there had been 4 new complaints, this was slightly more than the average but it was too early to consider if this was an upward trend. Since the publication of the agenda the parish/town complaint undergoing fact finding had been completed and an informal resolution had been reached.

RESOLVED that the current position in respect of complaints about breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct that have been received be noted.

Reason

To keep the Committee informed about complaints.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

Considered a report of the Monitoring Officer enabling the Committee to agree a work programme to plan its future business (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee's current work programme be noted and updated in accordance with decisions taken during the consideration of this item and other items on the agenda.

Reason

To enable the Committee to fulfil its role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the next ordinary meeting of Council unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of these minutes.
2. Councillor Jones (non-voting parish member) attended virtually.
3. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Member Conduct Committee.