

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## Present:

Councillors Mrs J Killoran (Chairman), D F Fletcher, D Goodfellow, R Grosvenor and R Lock.

## Officers Present:

Mr John Teasdale (Monitoring Officer) and Mrs M Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

## Also Present:

Mr G Goodall (Independent Member) and Mr W Qneibi (Parish Councillors).

### 50/22 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### 51/22 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor D F Fletcher was appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor R G Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor R Lock		

### 52/22 **MINUTES**

#### Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R G Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		

Councillors D F Fletcher, D Goodfellow and R Lock abstained from voting as they had sent their apologies for the meeting or was new to the Committee.

53/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business pursuant to Rule 12.

54/22 **MONITORING OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT**

The Monitoring Officer updated Members on complaints received since the last meeting. He reported that the number of complaints had decreased since the last meeting in March 2022.

The Monitoring Officer reported that there were 8 'live' Parish Council complaints and 7 long standing Borough Council.

Out of the 8 Parish Council complaints four were regarding Mayfield Parish Council members. He reported that a draft report would be circulated in due course.

He reported that a complaint received regarding a Winshill Parish Council was outside of the Standards Committee's remit. A complaint received from Dunstall and Ellastone Parish Council was deemed a personal dispute and again outside of the Standards Committee's remit.

One Borough Council complaints had been investigated and a meeting was arranged to take place in September. A further complaint from a Borough Councillor against another Borough Councillor was ongoing and interviews were progressing.

He reported that a complaint received from a member of the public against a Borough Councillor was deemed to be a dispute rather than a standards complaint.

NOTED.

55/21 **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:

## PRIVATE MINUTES

**Chairman**