

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Standards Committee held the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Thursday 1st September 2022.

Present:

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

Officers Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs O Brown (Investigation Officer), Mr G Goodall (Independent Member), Mrs A Trenergy and Mr W Qneibi (Parish Councillors).

57/22 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor D F Fletcher declared an interest in that he was the subject of part of the complaint, and so he did not attend the meeting.

58/22 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 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 D Goodfellow		
Councillor R G Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor R Lock		

59/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business pursuant to Rule 12.

60/22 **MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING A COMPLAINT**

(MO) Members considered the report of the Monitoring Officer on the hearing of complaint regarding a Member conduct. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 05a Member Conduct Complaint
- Appendix 05b Investigators Report

The Chairman introduced the Members of the Committee and explained the purpose of the meeting. The Monitoring Officer outlined the procedure to be adopted.

Councillor D Florence-Jukes attended the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer advised the Committee of the preliminary matters.

The Investigating Officer described the complaint, and requested that the recording of the said meeting was viewed by the Committee.

The Committee asked questions of the Investigation Officer.

Councillor Florence-Jukes asked questions of the Investigating Officer.

Councillor Florence-Jukes presented her case.

The Committee asked questions of Councillor Florence Jukes.

The Investigating Officer asked questions of Councillor Florence-Jukes.

The Investigating Officer summed up the case.

Councillor Florence-Jukes summed up her case.

At this juncture, the Committee voted to suspend Standing Order for the meeting to continue.

The Independent Person expressed his views.

Resolved:

- (1) That Councillor D Florence-Jukes had breached paragraphs 3.1 of the Council's Code of Conduct.

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