

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE - PARISH HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2008**

**DECISIONS**

3 July 2008

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Standards Committee - Parish Hearing Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 1 July 2008. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>08.SSC.04</b>	<b>REPORT INTO ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	To consider and determine the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 by Carol Russell, Head of Democratic Services, Chorley Council into an allegation concerning Parish Councillor Rod Fraser (Astley Village Parish Council).	<p>The meeting of the Standards Committee – Parish Hearing Sub-Committee today, 1 July 2008, considered and determined the report of an investigation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2000 by Carol Russell, Head of Democratic Services, Chorley Borough Council, into an allegation concerning Parish Councillor Rod Fraser of Astley Village Parish Council.</p> <p>Parish Councillor Rod Fraser appeared in person and was not represented. Parish Councillor Rod Fraser disputed paragraph 6.1 and 6.3 of the Investigating Officers report.</p>

The Local Hearing Sub-Committee accepted the facts within the Investigating Officers report and the reasoning as to why there had been failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

The Committee views the breaches of the Code of Conduct as most serious particularly in relation that as a Parish Councillor you conducted yourself in a manner and a behaviour which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your office into disrepute.

An important role of this Committee is to ensure that this Council and all Parish Councillors within the Borough maintain the highest standards in public office.

We have taken into consideration your early apologies to Sergeant Walton and the comments made by the Clerk of Astley Village Parish Council in regard to your conduct since the incident.

We have decided that for breaching the Code under paragraphs 3 and 5 that you will be suspended from the office of a Parish Councillor for Astley Village Parish Council for a period of three months.

However provided you attend appropriate training in relation to the Code of Conduct prior to 1 August 2008 the suspension will be reduced to a period of one month.

The Committee understand you are aware that a training session will take place at the Town Hall on 17 July 2008 commencing at 7.00pm which we recommend you attend. If you attend training not through the Town Hall please advise Ruth Hawes in Democratic Services of this.

The suspension will take effect forthwith.

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