

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. There has been considerable activity recently in relation to Standards issues and this report summarises two key issues, which have been considered.

Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

2. The Regulations 2008 have been implemented with effect from the 8th May 2008. Any complaint that a Borough or Parish Council member has breached the Code of Conduct must be referred to the local Standards Committee.
3. The new complaints process is outlined on the Council's website. Complaints will be assessed by a sub committee against agreed assessment criteria.

Parish Hearing Sub-Committee - 1 July 2008

4. A Sub-Committee held a local determination following a local investigation into an allegation concerning Parish Councillor Rod Fraser of Astley Village Parish Council.
5. It was determined that for breaching the Code under paragraphs 3 "You must treat others with respect" and 5 "You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute" that the sanction be suspension from the office of a Parish Councillor for Astley Village Parish Council for a period of three months, reduced to one month provided Councillor Fraser attends appropriate training in relation to the Code of Conduct prior to 1 August 2008.

Recommendation

6. The Council is recommended to note the report.

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CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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There are no background papers to this report.