



Committee and Date

Standards Sub-Committee

10.00am

17 July 2017

**MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

**11.00 AM TO 11.15 AM**

**Responsible Officer:** Jane Palmer  
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**Present:**

Councillors David Evans, Chris Mellings and Kevin Turley

**1 Election of Chairman**

**RESOLVED:**

That Kevin Turley be appointed Chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members of the Committee were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**4. Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Standards Sub-Committee held on 20 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**5. Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED:**

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and paragraph 10.4(1) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item.

**6. Code of Conduct Complaint**

Members considered the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding allegations from Mr Steven Mulloy and Councillor David Tremellen that Councillor Joyce Barrow had failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of Shropshire Council.

Allegation from Mr Mulloy

Referring to the allegation from Mr Mulloy, the Solicitor advised that, when appropriate, Councillor Barrow had declared an interest at meetings of Shropshire Council and, as she was not a member of the Oswestry Rural Parish Council she was not required to disclose her interests at its meetings. He added that the earlier Police investigation had recognised the confusion regarding the ownership of the land in question [the company or the individual] and had taken the view that any conviction 'beyond reasonable doubt' would be highly unlikely.

A Member commented that Councillor Barrow's declaration of interests form was published on Shropshire Council's website.

Allegation from Councillor Tremellen

Members noted that Councillor Mrs Barrow had stated that she had no knowledge of the planning contraventions until she had read about them in the press. Given that she was a friend of the owner of the British Ironworks Centre it would have been foolish of the latter to let Councillor Mrs Barrow know of the planning development if he knew he needed planning permission and had not applied for it.

It was noted that the owner of the British Ironworks Centre had stated in the press that he had knowingly carried out works that had not been permitted. Councillor Mrs Barrow had confirmed that she had no knowledge of the planning breaches.

Members agreed that it was not in the public interest to investigate the matter further.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That it is noted that there has been no complaint received from either the local Parish Council or the local community on the matter;
- ii. That it is not in the public interest to investigate the matter and no further action will be taken; and
- iii. That the exempt papers be released into the public domain.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date:

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