

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SPECIAL MEETING)

26th November 2007

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Member**

Councillor Bale (Conservative Group).

**Parish Member**

Mrs. H. M. Scott-South (Melbourne).

**Independent Members**

Mr. D. R. Williams (Chairman), Mr. P. B. Purnell (Vice-Chairman), Mr. R. Pearson and Mr. T. Thompson.

SC/9. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Timms (Conservative Group) and Mrs. Mead (Labour Group), Mrs. C. Barker (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council) and Mr. P. Dawn (Independent Member).

SC/10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that Mrs. Barker had tendered her apology to the Meeting as she had a prejudicial interest in the matter concerned, being one of the individuals who had requested a dispensation.

Mr. P.B. Purnell declared a personal interest in the matter concerned as he knew one of the respondents as the post holder of a public body from four years previously.

SC/11. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – BARROW-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

It was reported that four requests had been received for dispensations under the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002 from Christine Barker, Anne Heathcote, Keith Slater and Ken Atkin, all Members of Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council. The requests related to a matter concerning the exhumation and reburial of William Henry Atkin and it was reported that as the Parish Council only had six Members, it was inquorate in considering the matter following the withdrawal of the aforementioned four Members.

The Committee was reminded of the procedure for dealing with written requests for dispensations, adopted by the Committee at its Meeting on 2nd September 2004.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That dispensations be granted to the four Parish Councillors to enable them to participate in decision-making on the matter concerned for a period of one year or upon the conclusion of the matter, whichever is the earlier.***

D. R. WILLIAMS

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.25 p.m.