

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

22nd January 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Member

Councillor Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group).

Parish Member

Mr. K. Overton (Willington Parish Council).

Independent Members

Mr. P. J. Dawn (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Mr. P. B. Purnell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mr. D.R. Williams (Chairman), District Councillors Harrison and Mrs. Mead, Mr. K. J. Fairbrother (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Mr. R. Pearson and Mr. T. Thompson (Independent Members).

It was noted that Ms. C. Barker (Barrow-upon-Trent Parish Council) had recently tendered her resignation as a Member of the Committee.

MATTER DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

SC/38. **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION – BARROW-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

Members were reminded that on 26th November 2007, the Committee considered four requests 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 agreed 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 was the earlier.

Requests from Christine Barker, Anne Heathcote and Keith Slater for extensions to their dispensations were approved at the last Meeting of the Committee on 18th December 2008 for a further period of one year or upon the conclusion of the matter, whichever was the earlier.

An application had now been received from Ken Atkin, a copy of which was attached to the report. A copy of the Committee report on 2nd September 2004 on the procedure for dealing with dispensations was also circulated.

RESOLVED:-

That a dispensation be granted to Councillor Atkin to enable him to participate in decision-making on the matter concerned for a further period of one year or upon the conclusion of the matter, whichever is the earlier.

P. J. DAWN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 10.35 a.m.