

# AGENDA

**NOTE: In the case of non-members, this agenda is for information only**

- Committee** - **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
- Date & Time** - Tuesday, 15th February, 2011 at 2.15 pm
- Venue** - Norfolk Room, Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham

**Members of the Committee requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Committee.**

## Committee Members

Mr. M. Eveling JP (*Independent*)  
Mrs. J. Jenkins (*Independent*)(*Chairman*)  
Mrs. M. Oechsle JP (*Parish*)  
Mrs. S.M. Matthews (*Breckland*)

Mr. B. Rayner (*Parish*)  
Mr. G. Ridgway (*Independent*)  
Mr. F. Sharpe (*Breckland*)  
Mr. M. Whittley (*Parish*)  
Mr. D. Williams JP (*Breckland*)

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Date: Friday, 4 February 2011

**PART A**  
**ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

	<u>Page(s)</u> <u>herewith</u>
<p>1. <b><u>MINUTES</u></b> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2011.</p>	1 - 3
<p>2. <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>URGENT BUSINESS</u></b> To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any item as urgent business pursuant to Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	
<p>4. <b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b> Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest.</p>	
<p>5. <b><u>NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING</u></b> To note the names of any non-members wishing to address the meeting.</p>	
<p>6. <b><u>WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY</u></b> Report of the Head of Internal Audit.</p>	4 - 34
<p>7. <b><u>DISPENSATIONS GRANTED TO SCARNING PARISH COUNCIL (FOR INFORMATION)</u></b> At Standards Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 the Committee resolved at Minute 31/09(3): as a general rule in future, when a dispensation was granted to all members of a Town or Parish Council with a vacancy, delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to grant a dispensation for the same purpose to the new member when elected.  At a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 Breckland Council's Standards Committee agreed to grant a dispensation to the parish councillors of Scarning in respect of the Former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and the Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity.  Following the resignation of two of the councillors, Mr. Anthony Horwell and Mr. Reginald Walton were co-opted to fill the vacancy.  Two letters have been received from the Clerk to Scarning Parish Council, copies attached, requesting dispensations for Mr. Anthony Horwell and Mr. Reginald Walton in respect of the Former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and the Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity.  In line with the resolution made on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 by the Standards</p>	35 - 36

Committee, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 and the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 the Monitoring Officer granted dispensations to the two parish councillors of Scarning Parish Council, namely Mr. Horwell and Mr. Walton.

**8. COUNCIL RESOLUTION - FOR INFORMATION**

In response to a recommendation from the Standards Committee, at the meeting of the Council held on 27 January 2011, the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED** that, as from May 2011, the Standards Committee membership be reduced to eight: two Independent Members, three Parish Councillors and three District Councillors.

**9. LOCALISM BILL**

The Standards Consultant will update the Committee on any developments or further information received.

**10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (STANDING ITEM)**

To note items for inclusion on future agendas.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next meeting on 29 March 2011.