

Minutes of the meeting of the **Hearings Sub-Committee** South Staffordshire Council held in the Bill Brownhill Room Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Monday, 22 October 2018 at 18:30

Present:-

Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Lin Hingley, Councillor Alan Hinton, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Dave Lockley, Sandra Oliver, Councillor Robert Reade, Mary Roberts

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor Robert Reade was elected Chairman of the Standards and Resources (Hearings) Sub Committee

2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of District Councillor I Ford and Parish Councillor P Davis

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

4 **CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT**

RESOLVED: that the decision of the Committee in the case of the complaint by Warren Fisher against Parish Councillor D Clift - Essington Parish Council was:

- that there was no breach of the rules regarding the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Regulations on either the allegation about Wyrley Junior Football Club Limited or Essington Independent Residents Group in that Councillor Clift did not hold an office for gain or reward (as set out in the Regulations).
- that accordance with paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Code of Conduct that there was no breach of the Code of Conduct in this case in that it would not have been reasonable or practicable in the circumstances for Councillor Clift to have declared his membership of Essington Independent Residents Group as it would have factored into almost everything.
- that Councillor Clift was not been as open as possible about his actions, in relation to Wyrley Juniors Football Club Limited, he has therefore failed to act in accordance with Standard 5 concerning openness. He has not promoted leadership by example nor acted in a way that preserved the confidence of others. He has therefore failed to act in accordance with Standard 6 paragraph concerning leadership. He therefore breached the Code of Conduct.

The Meeting ended at: 20:15

23 November 2018

CHAIRMAN