

ACCOUNTS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

22 FEBRUARY 2011

Present :- Councillor Dennis Willetts (Chairman)
Councillors Nick Cope, Scott Greenhill, Sue Lissimore,
Jon Manning, Colin Mudie, Kim Naish, Gerard Oxford
and Colin Sykes

Substitute Member :- Councillor Jackie Maclean
for Councillor Christopher Arnold

Also in Attendance :- Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Tim Young
Councillor Anne Turrell
Councillor Beverley Oxford

17. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

Councillor Nick Cope (in respect of being a neighbour of Christopher Hall) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

18. Honorary Alderman

The Committee was requested to consider a proposition that former Councillor Chris Hall be appointed an Honorary Alderman.

The Committee was also requested to recommend that a special meeting of the Council be convened for the purpose of passing the following resolution:

- i) That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of "Honorary Alderman" on former Councillor Christopher Basil Hall in recognition of his loyal and eminent service as a Member of the Council and its constituent authority.
- ii) An illuminated transcript of the resolution is given to former Councillor Christopher Basil Hall.

Councillor Manning addressed the Panel and paid tribute to former Councillor Hall who he first met at a group meeting. Councillor Manning said former Councillor Hall had always been someone respected by Councillors and would meet all the requirements of an Honorary Alderman. Councillor Manning said he could not think of anyone more deserving of this award and supported the proposition. Councillor Cope concurred with Councillor Manning's comments and also supported the proposition.

RESOLVED that the Committee recommended to the Council the following:-

i) That a special meeting of the Council be convened for the purpose of passing the following resolution:

That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of “Honorary Alderman” on former Councillor Christopher Basil Hall in recognition of his loyal and eminent service as Member of the Council and its constituent authority

(ii) An illuminated transcript of the resolution is given to former Councillor Christopher Basil Hall.

Councillor Scott Greenhill (in respect of his membership of Myland Parish Council) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

Councillor Colin Sykes (in respect of his membership of Stanway Parish Council) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

19. Request for a Community Governance Review

The report concerned a request from Stanway Parish Council for the Council to undertake a Community Governance Review with a view to combining the two electoral parish wards of Stanway East and Stanway West and create one electoral area represented by fifteen Councillors (currently split 13 and 2 respectively).

Councillor Sykes, a Member of Stanway Parish Council addressed the Panel saying undertaking a review was first considered in the summer of 2010 following similar requests from the Wivenhoe and Fordham Parishes.

It was acknowledged that Councillors in West Stanway had not seen their parish ward issues increase because the anticipated development within West Stanway had not materialised. That said, all the Parish Councillors / Co-opted Members within the Stanway Parish did not work independently, or view themselves as representing either Stanway East or Stanway West, but carried out their duties for all the residents of the Stanway Parish.

Councillor Sykes asked the Committee to support the request for this Community Governance Review.

RESOLVED that the Committee considered and agreed to the draft proposal for the consultation following the request from Stanway Parish Council to combine the two parish wards and create on electoral area.