

ACCOUNTS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

27 JULY 2010

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

Substitute Member :- Councillor Terry Sutton
for Councillor Christopher Arnold

Also in Attendance :- Councillor Paul Smith

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2010 was confirmed as a correct record.

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)

8. Draft recommendation Community Governance review - Wivenhoe Town Council

Ms. Sarah Cheek, Electoral Services Manager attended the meeting for this item. Ms. Cheek presented the report on the Draft Recommendation Community Governance Review – Wivenhoe Town Council that required the committee to consider the draft proposal for consultation following the request from Wivenhoe Town Council to combine the two parish wards and create one electoral area and to request that the number of councillors be increased by two from eleven to thirteen.

In response to Councillor C. Sykes, and his concern about the legitimacy of this process, Ms. Cheek said following the Local Government and Public Health Involvement in Health Act 2007 which requires Councils, following a consultation period, to determine whether the existing area of a parish should be altered, that the process and what was been recommended was legal.

RESOLVED that the Committee considered and agreed to the draft proposal for consultation following the request from Wivenhoe Town Council to combine the two parish wards and create one electoral area and to request that the number of councillors be increased by two from eleven to thirteen.

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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)

9. Draft recommendation Community Governance review - Fordham Parish Council

Ms. Sarah Cheek presented the report on the Draft Recommendation Community Governance Review – Fordham Parish Council that required the committee to consider the draft proposal for consultation following the request from Fordham Parish Council to consider increasing the number of councillors by two from seven to nine.

In response to Councillor C. Sykes, and his doubts to the need for the parish to increase its councillors by two, Councillor G. Oxford said he had no objection to the request given he believed the request was about the work commitments of the current parish councillors and the ability to be able to achieve a quorum at parish meetings. Councillor Willetts believed the Parish Plan Exercise and the work this would create was also a contributing factor.

RESOLVED that the Committee considered and agreed to the draft proposal for consultation following the request from Fordham Parish Council to increase the number of councillors by two from seven to nine.