

DECISION NOTICE – SHORT WRITTEN DECISION

The details given below represent a short written summary decision, as made by the Standards Committee of Selby District Council. It is a brief summary of the outcome of the hearing. A full written decision, providing more detail in respect of the outcome of the hearing, will be issued as soon as practicable.

CASE REFERENCE	SDC2008001
MEMBER	Councillor Roland Chilvers
AUTHORITY	Hemingbrough Parish Council
COMPLAINANT	Mr Greig Markham
SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION	It is alleged that Councillor Roland Chilvers breached paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council's Code of Conduct 2001 and paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 12 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council's Code of Conduct 2007, in that he failed to declare a personal and/or prejudicial interest after the allotment of work to his son, Councillor Colin Chilvers by the Parish Council, when discussions in relation to the work took place at meetings of the Parish Council.
DATE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING	4 June 2010
STANDARDS COMMITTEE PANEL MEMBERS	Miss Hilary Putman (Chairman) Councillor Cliff Lunn Councillor Roderic Parker

DECISION

We have carefully considered the evidence and submissions presented before us.

1. We have found Councillor Roland Chilvers to be in breach of paragraph 8 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council Code of Conduct 2001 and paragraph 9 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council Code of Conduct 2007 in relation to personal interests, and paragraph 10 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council's Code of Conduct 2001 and paragraph 12 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council's Code of Conduct 2007 in relation to prejudicial interests, in that whilst he declared that interest he did not vacate the room when the item of business was discussed.

2. We have not found that Councillor Roland Chilvers failed to comply with paragraph 4 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council Code of Conduct 2001 and paragraph 5 of the Hemingbrough Parish Council Code of Conduct 2007, in that he did not bring the office of councillor or the Parish Council into disrepute.

SANCTION

The Standards Committee has decided that training would have been the appropriate sanction in this matter. As Councillor Roland Chilvers has undertaken relevant training since the investigation was commenced no sanction is imposed.

The Standards Committee advises the Monitoring Officer to issue a letter to all Parish Councillors and Clerks advising them to ensure that their register of members' interests is up to date and that members' should specify whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest in any business, and that this specific interest is recorded in the minutes.

This Decision Notice will be made available on Monday 7 June 2010 and will be posted on the Selby District Council website. Our full Decision Notice will be published as soon as possible. A summary of this decision will be published in a local newspaper..

There is a right of appeal by the Councillor within 28 days of being notified of this decision.

Miss Hilary Putman

Standards Committee
Selby District Council
Civic Centre
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Date: 4 June 2010