

Time Commenced – 2.00pm
Time Finished – 3.15pm

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
20 JANUARY 2006**

Present: Reverend Canon R B Blowers – Chair
Mrs C McDowall,
Councillors Baxter, Latham and Skelton

Officers in Attendance: Michael Foote – Corporate Director - Corporate and
Adult Social Services
Steve Dunning – Assistant Director – Democratic
Services

24/05 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

25/05 Late Items

There were no late items.

26/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:

To amend the resolution of Minute Number 23/05 to read:

Resolved

- 1. To receive the results of the requested survey undertaken into the location of the revised bus stop on Willowcroft Road, together with the comments from local Councillors, and note the conclusion that the new location be retained, whilst acknowledging that a small number of people had been adversely affected by the change.**
- 2. To inform the complainant that the Committee considered that the conduct of the survey, the replies received from the local Councillors and the conclusion offered were satisfactory.**
- 3. To confirm that the complaint by Mr George Hawksworth had been answered to the satisfaction of the Committee.**

27/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

28/05 Resignation of Mr G Bagga and Arrangements for his Replacement

It was reported that Mr G Bagga had resigned from the Committee. A notice to appoint his replacement had been placed in the Derby Telegraph and the Express. The closing date for applications to be received was 3 February 2006. So far four requests for an application form had been received. A provisional date of 9 February was agreed to conduct interviews.

Resolved that the Chair write to Mr Bagga acknowledging his service to the Committee.

29/05 Going Local: Investigations and Hearings

The Committee watched a DVD provided by the Standards Board for England that gave guidance on how to carry out a fair and balanced local investigation and the best procedure for a professional and effective hearing.

30/05 Standards of Conduct in Local Government: The Future

The Committee considered its response to the ODPM discussion paper – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future. The comments of the Standards Board for England were noted.

Resolved to accept and welcome the proposals set out in the discussion paper.

Minutes End