

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE

29 APRIL 2010

Complaint in respect of Councillors Gary Albert Beadle and Elizabeth Jane Reeve both of East Halton Parish Council.

Monitoring Officer's Summary

1. **The Complaint**

Mrs S M Simmons, a resident of East Halton submitted a complaint against Councillor Gary Albert Beadle and Councillor Elizabeth Jane Reeve alleging a failure to treat with respect, a failure to declare interests and seeking improperly to influence a decision.

An Assessment Sub Committee of the Standards Committee referred the allegations to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.

2. **Investigating Officers Report**

The investigating officer appointed by the Monitoring Officer has completed his investigation and submitted his report to the Monitoring Officer. The report concluded that Councillor Gary Albert Beadle and Councillor Elizabeth Jane Reeve had breached the Code by failing to declare interests.

3. **Pre Hearing**

In preparation for the hearing before the sub committee both Councillors have been provided with a copy of the report and various forms to complete to try and establish the issues which the sub committee need to determine.

4. **Key Factors**

- (1) As regards Councillor Gary Albert Beadle (a) although a personal interest had been declared at meetings of the parish council on 2 May, 6 June, 4 July, 1 August and 5 September 2008 when Footpath 75 had been discussed whether his ownership of abutting land converted that interest to a personal and prejudicial one and by not withdrawing he had sought to improperly influence a decision and (b) whether there is sufficient evidence in respect of the alleged incident on 10 December 2008 to constitute a failure to treat with respect.
- (2) As regards Councillor Elizabeth Jane Reeve whether the ownership of land abutting Footpath 75 by her brother in law should have led to declarations of

interest at the meetings mentioned above and by not declaring such interests and withdrawing she had sought to improperly influence a decision and (b) whether there is sufficient evidence in respect of the alleged incident in October 2007 to constitute failure to treat with respect.

5. **Procedure**

The procedure to be followed by the sub committee is enclosed with the agenda.

Mike Wood
Monitoring Officer

21 April 2010