



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**SUB COMMITTEE**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Willey (Chair)  
Councillors Oakes & Smith

**Apologies for absence:** None

**Also in attendance:** Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

**Members of the public:** 0

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as a Public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

**Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**7/2019 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Willey (Chair) welcomed residents to the Sub Committee Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules. No members of the public intended recording the Public Meeting.

**8 Public participation**

No Public participation.

**9 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

No apologies.

**10 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for Dispensations.  
All noted and agreed.

**11 Minutes of the previous Sub Committee Meeting**



There were no Minutes relevant as this Meeting was the inaugural Sub Committee Meeting to review the Complaint's Policy.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

**12 Matters arising from the Minutes for report purposes only.**

None

**13 Correspondence**

None

**14 Review of Vexatious Complaints Policy**

Cllr. Willey (Chair) referred Councillors to the Council Policy, adopted 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. Councillors agreed that in essence there was no need to make necessary changes to the wording of the Policy at the moment.

Cllr Oakes & Cllr Smith both stated that under point 6 ' Further advice and guidance ' that 6.3 be added stating that Full Council should have the option of referring a Complainant's case to the Standards Committee Cornwall Council, should criteria within the Policy wording be met.

**Proposal for Full Council** : that Item 6.3 be added to the Vexatious correspondence and complaints policy. All Councillors agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

**15 Public Bodies**

The Press and Public were requested to leave the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the following Agenda Item.

**16 To consider a Complainants Case**

The Sub Committee Councillors considered the briefing documents thoroughly, namely, the Complainant's case listing matters from November 2018 to October 2019, and also the Botus Fleming Parish Council response dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Councillors concluded that within the Vexatious correspondence and complaints policy (adopted 23 May 2018) that under Item 2.0 'Defining vexatious correspondence or complaints', that points 2.1 (a), (b) & (e) had been breached and met the criteria of a persistent and frequent vexatious complainant in the opinion of Botus Fleming Parish Council.

Cllr Willey (Chair) proposed that these points be put to Full Council 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and that the Complainant case should be referred to the Standards Committee Cornwall Council as soon as practicable as recommended by the Sub Committee.



**Proposal for Full Council** : that the complainant case as mentioned in Item 16 paragraph 1, be referred to the Standards Committee Cornwall Council.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed

**17 Public Bodies**

The Press and Public were re-admitted to the meeting.

**18 Matters for information purposes only**

None

**19 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Sub Committee - to be confirmed.

**20 End of meeting 18:00**