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Minutes of the **MEETING of the CONDUCT COMMITTEE** held Via Zoom on Tuesday, 7th February, 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor A Brown (Chair) Councillor J Burrows	Councillor K Bool Councillor S Harvey
ABSENT:	Councillor O Hemsley Councillor S Webb	Councillor L Stephenson
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Angela Wakefield Sarah Khawaja Tom Delaney	Director of Legal and Governance Legal Services Manager Governance Manager
IN ATTENDANCE:	Gordon Grimes	Independent Person

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Hemsley, L Stephenson, and S Webb.

2 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022.

It was moved by Councillor S Harvey and seconded that the minutes be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with 3 votes in favour and 1 abstention the motion was carried.

RESOLVED

1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 be **APPROVED**.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 PETITIONS, DEPUTATION AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received from Members of the Public.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions from Members had been received.

6 NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion had been received.

7 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by J Burrows and seconded that the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of Procedure Rule 181, as the following item of business was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Upon being put to the vote, with 4 votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of Procedure Rule 181, as the following item of business was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

8 REPORT ON MEMBER CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Report No. 24/2023 was received from Sarah Khawaja, Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer, the report set out details regarding the 12 conduct complaints received regarding Rutland County Councillors and Parish/Town Councillors within the county during the 2022-2023 financial year.

It was noted that most complaints received were regarding Town or Parish Councillors and this was the focus of remedial action being undertaken which aimed to reduce the number of complaints received in the future.

It was moved by Councillor K Bool and seconded that the report and its contents be noted, upon being put to the vote, with four votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Committee **NOTE** the report.

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The Chair returned the meeting to a public session and Councillor J Burrows and Gordon Grimes, Independent Person, left the meeting at 19:28

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9 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business for consideration. Although Members were informed that a small review of the arrangements for dealing with conduct complaints was underway and was intended to improve the initial assessment method for complaints in line with Local Government Association Guidance.

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place in the 2023-24 municipal year.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

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