



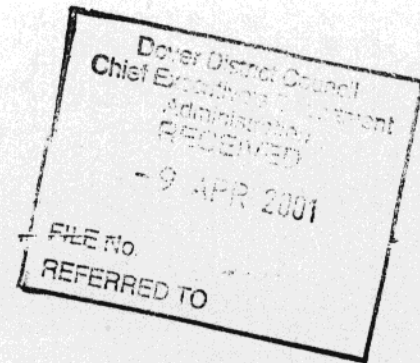
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3rd April 2001.

Dear Mr Horne,



Re: Standards Committee: Membership

Deal Town Council welcomes the opportunity to consult with DDC on Standards and Conduct and it hopes DDC accepts the view that over time there may need to be changes.

Upholding the highest standard of conduct of members must be the constant goal for the authority incorporating objectivity, accountability, openness and integrity. The Town Council emphasises the need for any code to be concise, readable and understandable.

The Standards Committee should comprise one Councillor each from Deal, Dover and Sandwich Town Councils plus 3 Councillors from the rest of the parishes, these elected from an invited pool of candidate parish Councillors. As well as any necessary independent members.

This proposal, if adopted, would show the District electorate that the DDC members are not policing themselves and transparency is in place.

Yours sincerely,

L. E. Bulman

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Town Clerk.

DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

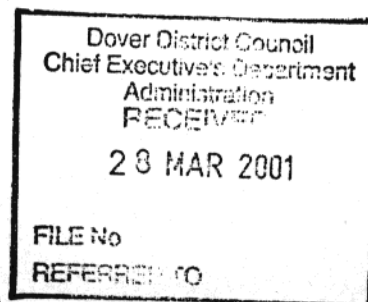
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27 March 2001

Dear Mr Horne

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – THE NEW ETHICAL FRAMEWORK – STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2001 inviting the Town Council's comments on the role of Dover District Council's Standards Committee in relation to Town and Parish Councils.

Your letter was considered by the Town Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2001. The Committee recommended that:

- (a) the Town Council should support the formation of a sub-committee of Dover District Council's Standards Committee in respect of Town and Parish Councils;
- (b) the Town Council should oppose the proposal that appointments to the sub-committee should be nominated by the Kent Association of Parish Councils;
- (c) the sub-committee should at all times have specific representation from Town Councils.

The full Town Council adopted that recommendation at its meeting on 22 March 2001.

The Committee and the Town Council did discuss many other aspects of your letter of 15 February 2001, including aspects of discussions on the matter that I have had with the Town Clerks of Deal and Sandwich. As a result, I am passing on the following specific comments on the questions you have posed:

- (i) Dover Town Council would strongly prefer a sub-committee of the Standards Committee to deal with all matters of Members' conduct relating to Parish Councils. A sub-committee, properly constituted, would be better placed to consider issues in the light of the special conditions affecting town and parish

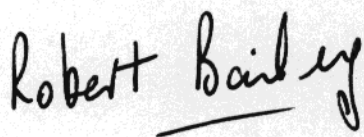
councillors (eg they cannot receive allowances for attendance at any meetings of their councils or their committees, or for any approved duty within the parish area).

- (ii) A sub-committee might be made up of seven members, comprising one member from Dover District Council on the Standards Committee, two independent members, and four members from Parish Councils. This would reflect the fact that there are 35 Town and Parish Councils in the District with probably in excess of 500 Councillors between them. At least one of the Parish Council members should be from one of the three Town Councils.

The term of office of the members might be for one year and non-renewable.

- (iii) The Parish representatives should not be appointed by the Kent Association of Parish Councils. By their own admission the Kent Association are small parish oriented. Neither Dover Town Council nor Deal Town Council are members, and they represent over half the population of the District. The Town Council member(s) of the sub-committee could be nominated by Dover, Deal and Sandwich Town Councils on a rotational basis.

Yours sincerely

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Robert Bailey
TOWN CLERK

Town and Cinque Port of Sandwich

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23rd March, 2001

Dear Mr. Horne,

The Local Government Act 2000 – The New Ethical Framework – Standards Committee

Thank you for your letter of 15th February which the Town Council has now had an opportunity to consider in detail.

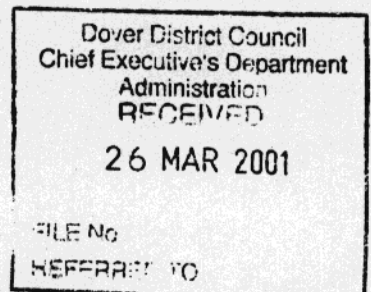
My Members would like to suggest that the District Council set up a special sub-committee to supervise towns/parishes. The sub-committee to comprise 7 members who would serve a one year term of office, not renewable. The suggested structure is 2 Independent appointees, 1 District Council appointee, 4 representatives from Parish Councils, 1 of which should represent the three Town Councils on a rotating basis.

My Council was not in favour of the KAPC nominating members of the sub-committee as two of the towns in the district, and several parishes, are not members but represent a large proportion of the population of the District.

Yours sincerely,

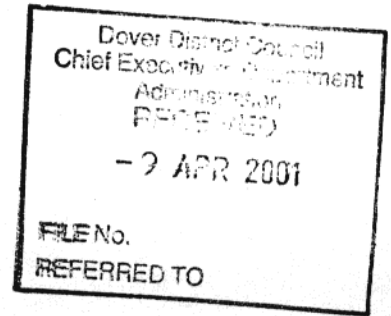
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6 April 2001

Dear Mr Horne

The Local Government Act 2000 – The New Ethical Framework – Standards Committee

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2001, which was recently considered by Walmer Parish Council. The Council would like to make the following comments in relation to the questions raised:-

- (i) The Council believes creation of the sub-committee may provide a better option for dealing with matters of member's conduct relating to Parish Councils.
- (ii) That not less than 3 Parish Council representatives should be appointed to such a sub-committee.
- (iii) That representatives appointed should be selected by ballot from all Parishes not those just in membership of KAPC and should reflect a mix of urban and rural parishes as well as covering different regions of the district.
- (iv) That the term of office for members should be 1 year as with all other committee.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Warrington
Clerk to the Parish Council

WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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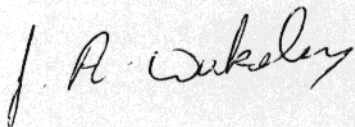
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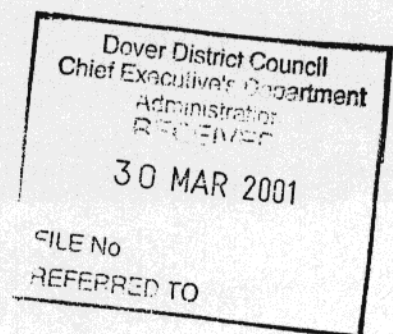
With reference to your letter of 15th February 2001.

Following our Parish Council meeting we would prefer that the Standards Committee should have a sub-committee. We would suggest that the sub-committee should have no more than eight members, with 5 members representing Parish Councils from Dover, Sandwich, Deal and two from the Rural Parishes, each with an annual term of office. These members to be selected from different Parish Councils each year.

Yours sincerely,



Jackie Wakeley,
Parish Clerk



River Parish Council



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20th March, 2000

Mr J. Home,
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Dear Mr Home,

The Local Government Act 2000 - The New Ethical Framework - Standards Committees.

Thank you for your letter of 15th February, 2000 in connection with the above.

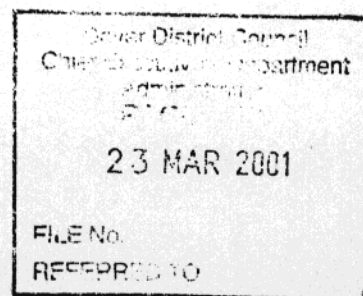
The contents were discussed at length at the Parish Council meeting held last Tuesday, 13th March when the following decisions were made:-

1. The Council decided that it was content for the Standards Committee to discharge the Section 55 functions.
2. The nomination of a Parish representative should be left to the Area Committee of the Kent Association of Parish Councils.

I hope that these decisions are of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

D. Humphrey-Woodward,
Parish Clerk.



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21 March 2001

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Dear Mr Horne

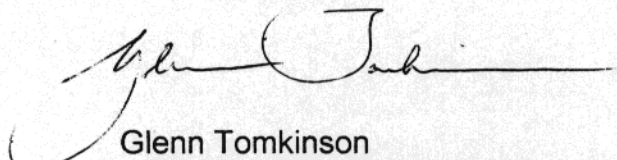
The Local Government Act 2000 – The New Ethical Framework Standards Committee

At its meeting on 19th March, the Council approved the following minute:

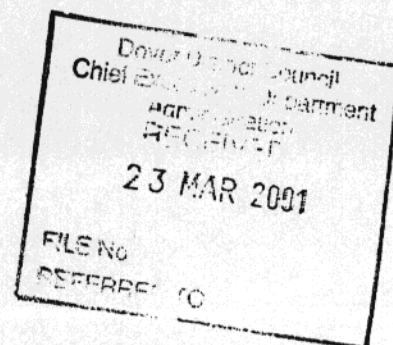
11. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 THE NEW ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

The Council would prefer a sub-committee to discharge the Section 55 functions in relation to Parish Councils. Such a committee should have at least 7 members, 3 Parish Councillors, 3 District Councillors and a lay chair of the committee. The Council would be quite happy for Parish representatives to be nominated by KAPC.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Tomkinson
Clerk to Langdon Parish Council



Maureen Pearce

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Att: J.W. Horne
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Please note that Northbourne Parish Council do not favour nomination by KAPC and would prefer nominations from Parish Councils followed by an election.

Joan Manley (previously Nott)
Clerk to Northbourne Parish Council

Nonington Parish Council

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Dear Mr Horne

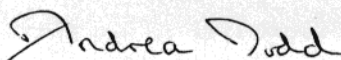
The Local Government Act 2000

Thank you for your letter of 15th February, in which you ask for Parish Council's comments.

Although information at this stage is incomplete, we would report the Council's views as follows:-

- (i) We would prefer a sub-committee structure.
- (ii) * We would recommend a minimum number of members to make a quorum.
Parish Council representatives to form 50% of the sub-committee.
* The term of office should be four years (identical to Parish Councils)
- (iii) Parish Councils should be represented or nominated by KAPC. Those Parish Councils not in membership cannot expect a voice in a representative body.

Yours sincerely



Andrea Dodd
Clerk to Nonington Parish Council

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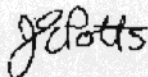
Dear Mr Horne

Local Government Act 2000 – The New Ethical Framework – Standards Committees

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February, setting out the options, with regard to Standards Committees and Parish Council participation.

Temple Ewell Parish Council would prefer the Standards Committee, rather than a sub-committee specifically for Parishes, and suggests that representation via the Kent Association of Parish Councils would be the most acceptable.

Yours sincerely



Clerk

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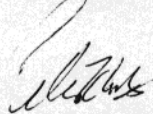
Dear Mr Horne

The Local Government Act 2000 - The New Ethical Framework - Standards Committees

With reference to your letter of 15 February 2001 the Parish Council would make the following comments to page 2

- (i) prefer sub-committee
- (ii) 3 Parish representatives and 4 Councillors
- (iii) Parish representatives - KAPC to appoint.

Yours sincerely

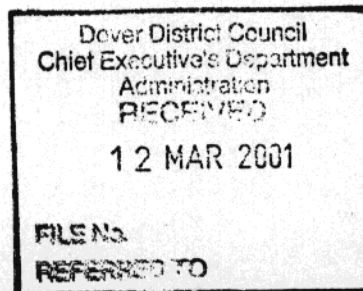


Peter Hodge
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For the attention of J W Horne

8 March 2001

Dear Mr Horne

Local Government Act 2000 – The New ethical Framework – Standards Committees

Ash Parish Council wishes to respond to the above document as follows:-

The Parish Council does not feel it necessary for there to be a separate sub-committee for Section 55 provided that there is sufficient Parish representation on the Committee. It is felt that the absolute minimum would be for a representative of the Dover Area KAPC to be on the Standards Committee. It is true that not all Parish and Town Councils are members of KAPC, but the majority are. The most significant non-members are Deal and Dover Town Councils. It may therefore be appropriate to have one representative from the larger town councils as well. Adding two such representatives would mean that with the existing two independent members the council would still have a sufficient percentage of 'independents'. As all local elections are four yearly it would seem appropriate for Parish Council representation to be on the same basis, but if they are nominated by KAPC it must be open to this body to change their representative as they see fit.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk

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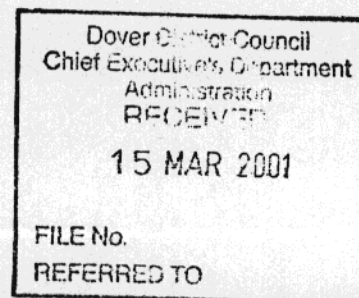
The Local Government Act 2000 - The New Ethical Framework - Standards Committees

I refer to your letter of the 15 February regarding the Standards Committees which have to be set up by Dover District Council.

Wingham Parish Council prefers that the Standards Committee should discharge the Section 55 functions. The Parish Council also prefers that the parish representative should be nominated by the Kent Association of Parish Councils.

Yours faithfully,

M Richards (Mrs)
Clerk to the Parish Council



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13th April 2001

Dear Mr Horne,

The New Ethical Framework Act - 2000.

Eastry Parish Councillors have "No Comments"

Yours sincerely,

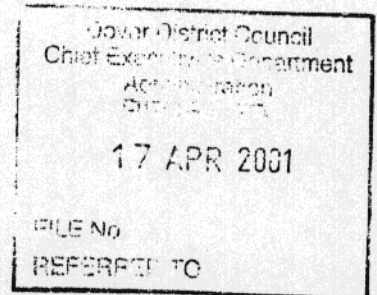
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13th April 2001.

Dear Mr Horne,

Re: The Local Government Act 2000 – The New Ethical Framework

After a recent meeting of the Goodnestone Parish Council I am able to report that it was the view of Councillors that the Kent Association of Parish Councils should nominate a Parish representative for the Standards Committee.

Yours truly,

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Merrilyn Lee
Clerk to Goodnestone Parish Council