



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE ROOM, THE DEANE HOUSE, BELVEDERE ROAD, TAUNTON ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2008 AT 14:15.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 23 October 2007 (attached)
3. Declaration of Interests. To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, in accordance with the Code of Conduct
4. To consider the draft Annual Report (attached)
5. Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England (attached) Greg Dyke
6. Local Determination/Filter - to consider the draft framework for dealing with the new procedures (attached) Greg Dyke
7. Protocol for declarations of Prejudicial Interest - Report of the Democratic Services Manager (attached) Greg Dyke
8. Parish Matters - an update by the Parish Liaison Officer David Greig
9. Ethical Standards - Performance Targets - Report of the Monitoring Officer (attached) Jeremy Thornberry
10. Ethics and Probity - report of the Monitoring Officer Jeremy Thornberry
11. To note arrangements for the Training Day at County Hall on 31 January 2008 Greg Dyke
12. Date of next meeting

G P DYKE
Democratic Services Manager
09 January 2008



Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to the discussion. Lift access to the main committee room on the first floor of the building is available from the main ground floor entrance. Toilet facilities, with wheelchair access, are also available. There is a time set aside at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to ask questions



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Standards Committee – 23 October 2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Principal Committee Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on Tuesday 23 October 2007 at 2.15 pm

Present: Mr D Baker (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Allgrove and House
Mrs A Elder, Mrs J Hoyle, Mr H Inder, Mr M Marshall, Mr W L Rogers,
Mr M Stanbury and Mr D Wilson

Officers: Mr J J Thornberry (Monitoring Officer), Mr G P Dyke (Democratic Services Manager), Mr D Greig (Parish Liaison Officer) and Mrs G Croucher (Democratic Services Officer)

35. Apologies

Councillor Slattery
Mr D Macey

36. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Allgrove declared a personal interest as Chair of the Somerset Association of Local Councils

36. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 14 August 2007 were taken as read and were signed.

37. Code of Conduct Training for Parish Council and Parish Matters

The Parish Liaison Officer submitted details of the Parish Councils that had recently received Ethics and Probity training and provided the planned dates for the remaining Parish Councils. So far approximately 21 parish councils had been visited and a total of around 150 parish councillors had received training.

All Members of the Committee had attended at least one Parish Council meeting to raise awareness of the ethics and probity work that the Committee was undertaking.

This had proved a very worthwhile exercise and was an excellent way of ensuring as many parish councillors as possible received first hand training in standards and the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

38. Guidelines for the Implementation of Filtering Committees

Reported that the role of the Standards Committee would be changing from April 2008 when local regulation of standards would be introduced. Previously all complaints and allegations in relation to the conduct of councillors went direct to the Standards Board for England. It was now proposed to change this system so that in most cases, allegations, complaints, investigations and hearings were all carried out locally. This meant that a protocol would need to be developed for the implementation of filtering committees, investigations and hearings..

The initial filter of allegations and complaints would be dealt with by this Committee and formal records would need to be provided. Members, together with the Monitoring Officer, would also need to undergo training.

RESOLVED that a draft protocol be submitted to the January meeting of the Committee.

39. Code of Conduct Training Course

Reported that the Chairman, together with the Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Manager and Parish Liaison Officer had attended a Code of Conduct training course in Bridgwater on 5 October 2007. Details of the main issues raised were submitted.

As a training exercise for this Committee, members discussed a number of test cases from the training session and then drew their own conclusions as to whether a breach of the Code of Conduct had taken place.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

40. Feedback from the SW Independent Members Forum

The South West Conference for Independent Members of Standards Committees had taken place The Deane House on 20 September 2007. The new Director of Casework at the Standards Board for England, Hazel Salisbury, had given details of the sort of cases that might occur under the new Code, as well as the success of the pilot projects that were underway.

There had also been a presentation by the Parish Liaison Officer regarding the training of Parish Councils and guidance on the structure of Standards Committees.

Members felt that Forum had been very useful.

41. Performance Indicators

Reported that the Chairman, together with the Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services Manager had drawn up a list of performance targets and indicators which would help in the measurement of the work of the Committee

Details of the proposed targets were submitted. This was considered to be a good start to this exercise but that further depth was needed. It was agreed that further details would be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED that further work be carried out on the proposed targets and indicators and the results be submitted to the next meeting..

42. Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

The Chairman, together with the Monitoring Officer, the Democratic Services Manager and Parish Liaison Officer, had recently attended the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees. They had attended a number of sessions and workshops which had proved to be mostly very interesting. It was hoped that some of the information gleaned would help with the forthcoming introduction of local regulation.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

43. Ethics and Probity

The Monitoring Officer provided his regular briefing on matters that had come to his attention since the last meeting. The issues included the raising of concerns that were covered by more than one authority.

Two allegations had been made to the Standards Board one of which was at the draft report stage.

He had received a number of queries from councillors regarding planning inquiries which had been resolved.

(The meeting ended at 4.09 p.m.)

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Introduction

The Council's Standards Committee has been in operation since 2000. Although our meetings are open to the public, the minutes available on the web site and we publish regular updates in the Weekly Bulletin, we feel it good practice to produce an annual report so that members of the Council and the public are aware of our activities.

2008 will be an eventful year for us. New legislation will place responsibility for the standards agenda right at the heart of local government. It introduces a locally managed framework of compliance with the Code of Conduct and a new strategic role for the Standards Board for England.

Local Standards Committees will, in future, be responsible for making initial assessments of allegations of misconduct and will handle most cases locally. The Standards Board for England will provide, support, supervision and guidance and aim to ensure a degree of consistency.

Membership

The Committee has always ensured that it has a majority of independent members who are not connected with the Council. We have also always ensured that Chair is chosen from those independent members. This will now become a requirement of all Standards Committees but is something we have been practising since the Committee's inception.

We also have two Parish Council representatives and one councillor from each of the political groups.

The last year has seen a number of changes in our membership. John Dewdney and David Gollin both left as independent members. They were replaced, following public advertisement and circulation of the vacancies amongst charitable and voluntary bodies and we are pleased to welcome Jenny Hoyle and Dick Macey to the Committee. Councillors Colin Croad and Mary Whitmarsh also stepped down and we are equally pleased to welcome Councillor David House. Both parish representatives came to the end of their term of office and the parishes are now represented by Mike Marshall and David Wilson.

The full membership of the Committee is as follows:-

David Baker OBE (Chair)
Anne Elder (Vice Chair)

Dick Macey JP
Jenny Hoyle JP
W Lynn Rogers
Harold Inder
Maurice Stanbury

Parish representatives:
Mike Marshall
David Wilson

Council representatives:
Councillor Mrs Allgrove
Councillor Slattery
Councillor House

We are supported at our meetings by the following officers:- Jeremy Thornberry (Monitoring Officer), David Greig (Parish Liaison Officer), Greg Dyke (Democratic Services Manager) and Donna Durham (Review Support Officer)

Terms of Reference

Our terms of reference remain unchanged but this is something we will be giving some detailed attention following the introduction of local regulation. Our current terms of reference are:

- (a) To advise on the adoption and monitoring of the new local Code of Conduct for members
- (b) To be responsible for training of councillors on ethical conduct
- (c) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct in the Authority and assist the Authority's members to observe the Code of Conduct

Functions of the Committee

In accordance with Section 54 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Committee is responsible for:-

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the members and co-opted members of the Authority; and
- (b) assisting members to observe the Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising on the adoption of the Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring its operation; and
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train members on matter relating to the Code.

Review of the Year

We have developed and strengthened our links with Parish Councils during the year. This is something we have aspired to for a while and we consider we have made great progress in this area. A separate section of this report gives more detail of this topic.

We are conscious of the need for members of the Committee to be as well trained and up to date with developments as possible. With this end in mind we have been represented at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, attended Standards Board for England Roadshows and maintained a presence at meetings of the South West Independent members Group. Indeed, Taunton Deane hosted one such meeting in September. Joint training with Sedgemoor District Council has been provided on the operation of a new filtering regime to be introduced in April 2008 and in January the entire Committee will be taking part in a training event where the new local arrangements will be the theme. All these things have allowed us to hear from officers of the Standards Board for England, the appropriate Government Minister and to share good practice with our colleagues.

Members of the Committee have also attended meeting of TDBC on occasions. The purpose of this was to familiarise ourselves with the operation of the Council and to provide us with a broader, more balanced view of a councillors work.

The Chair of the Committee was pleased to meet the new Leader of the Council and to be given the opportunity to emphasise the value of the Committee and its work. It is hoped that these meetings will continue and that in addition there will be an opportunity to meet all Group Leaders together with the Chief Executive

We have been able to monitor the operation of ethics and probity through regular reports to us from the Monitoring Officer. By doing this we are kept up to date with all those matters that come to his attention. We have been particularly pleased to see how quickly the new councillors have realised the benefits high ethical standards and are reassured by the level of advice generally sought by all councillors on all matters of ethics and probity.

During the year a new Model Code of Local Government Conduct was produced by the Government. We are pleased that the Council reacted so quickly to our recommendation to adopt the new Code in its entirety. By adopting the Code in April (much earlier than many local authorities) it was possible to deliver training to new councillors which included the new Code rather than having to do it twice - with the old Code and then again when the new one was adopted. It also meant that the Parish Councils could adopt the new Code immediately after the local government elections.

With the elections taking place during the year we were keen to include the work of the Standards Committee in the election process so that candidates

were aware of the standards required of councillors. The guide for prospective candidates, both Borough and Parish, included details of ethics and probity, a letter was sent to all new members from the Chair and he also attended the new members' Welcome Day to talk more about the role of the Committee. In addition, the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer were able to explain the basics of the Code of Conduct when new members signed their declarations of acceptance of office.

We have worked hard to maintain a high profile with Borough and Parish Councils so that all are aware of the support, advice and guidance we are able to give.

Work with Parish Councils

As mentioned earlier in the report, this was an area where we were keen to raise our profile and offer advice and support. We wanted to dispel any lingering myth that standards and the ethics and probity regime was a bad thing and to emphasise that it was there for the protection of parish councils and their councillors. We also wanted to make all parish councils aware of the advice and support we were able to give.

We decided that rather than invite representatives of parishes into The Deane House for training sessions we would go to them instead. Taunton Deane has 41 Parish Councils, 39 Parish Clerks and 343 Parish Councillors. We felt that it was essential that Parish Councils received training on the new Code of Conduct. The training has been delivered by David Greig, Parish Liaison Officer and members of the Standards Committee have been present at a number of the training sessions. By delivering the training in this manner, over 30 Parish Councils have so far been visited with a total of approximately 250 parish councillors and clerks being trained in the process. This has proved a worthwhile exercise and has been an excellent way of ensuring as many parish councillors and clerks as possible receive first hand training in the standards and the Code of Conduct. All 41 Parish Councils have adopted the revised Code of Conduct.

On a specific issue, we have dealt with a situation where a large number of allegations had been made to the Standards Board for England in respect of one particular Parish Council. None of the allegations had been found to be worthy of investigation and it was apparent from the issues involved that an inappropriate use of the Code was being made. The Chair of this Committee together with the Parish Liaison Officer therefore visited the Parish Council to re-emphasise the requirements of the Code.

We have generally been well received by the parishes and we intend to continue to develop and strengthen this particular link.

Training

With the introduction of the new Code training was equally important in relation to our Borough Councillors. An ethics and probity training session therefore took place on 11 July 2007 and we were pleased to see 30 Borough Councillors attend that session.

This training complemented the other ethics and probity training delivered at the new members' Welcome Day and when the newly elected members met with the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

The success of the training has been illustrated by the number of enquiries that have been forthcoming from Members. There has also been an upsurge in declarations of interest made at meetings.

The Committee feel that the training should be repeated annually, in order to keep Members well informed. We have also asked that a list of attendees be submitted to us so that we can attempt to achieve 100% training for all members.

The Future

As mentioned at the beginning of this report, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill is expected to come into force by April 2008. The Bill includes a number of important changes in the way the current Standards regime operates. It will involve us in the biggest change we have had to deal with since Standards Committees were set up..

Complaints about Borough and Parish Councillors have hitherto been made directly to the Standards Board for England. The Board then carry out an initial filter and decide what action should be taken. The intention of the Bill is for this procedure to change and for all complaints to be made directly to the local Standards Committee.

Once the complaint has been made we will have three distinct roles:

- exercising the local filter
- reviewing the local filter if necessary (appeal)
- holding a hearing following an independent investigation

Despite the absence so far of any central guidance we are working towards being ready for the challenge when the new regime comes into effect. We have given some consideration to how these roles will operate in practice and have drawn up a policy and procedure for dealing with allegations.

We have had some brief, informal training already by dealing with a number of case studies. There will also be an opportunity for us to receive further, more detailed training when we attend the training event at County Hall in January.

In addition to this change in procedure there are other areas of our remit that we intend to develop over the coming year.

We feel that it is important that some meaningful and measurable performance targets and indicators are in place in order that the work of the Committee can be measured. The Committee has built up a number of years' successful experience in its various roles in advancing ethical standards across Taunton Deane. We have decided that the time has now been reached when its own performance should be judged. We hope to introduce these indicators/measurements in the forthcoming year,

We also want to improve communications even further. We feel there is scope to develop our presence on the Taunton Deane web site. We want to see a regular supply of information to councillors, press and the public through the availability of our minutes and reports in the Weekly Bulletin. We will also be looking at the possible development of a share point site.

Conclusion

Taunton Deane has a Standards Committee that is committed to promoting good standards amongst councillors. We have come a long way from our early days and we will continue to look at ways in which we, as a Committee, can improve and serve the Council and the community.

David Baker OBE
Chair, Taunton Deane Standards Committee

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2008

REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Orders and regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England – Consultation Paper

The Department for Communities and Local Government have issued a consultation paper which sets out the proposed detailed arrangements to be included in the orders and regulations which will provide a revised locally based ethical regime. It includes:

- The operation of standards committee's powers to make initial assessments of misconduct allegations;
- The operation of other functions by standards committees and the Adjudication Panel in issuing sanctions;
- The operation of the Standards Board's new power to provide guidance, support and monitor the regime
- The rules on providing dispensations, the issue of exemptions of posts from political restrictions and the authority of political assistants

Attached as an Appendix is the full consultation paper for consideration by the Committee. Comments have been invited by the DCLG and must be submitted by 15 February 2008.

Greg Dyke
Democratic Services Manager

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2008

REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Local Determination and hearing of complaints under the Code of Conduct for councillors

1. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill (snappy little title !) has received Royal Assent and is expected to come into force by April next year.
 - 1.1 The Bill includes a number of important changes in the way the current Standards regime operates.
 - 2.2 Complaints about Borough and Parish Councillors have hitherto been made directly to the Standards Board for England. The Board carry out the initial filter and decide what action should be taken. The intention of the Bill is for this procedure to change and for all complaints to be made directly to the appropriate local Standards Committee. The actual process of local determination will be defined by Regulation but as yet there has been no indication as to when these will be introduced. It is a safe bet, however, that the new regime will start in April next year so this Committee need to be ready and to have procedures and protocols in place as soon as possible.

2. Framework for undertaking the initial filter decision.

- 2.1 Once a complaint has been made, the Standards Committee will have three distinct roles:
 - Exercising the local filter
 - Reviewing the local filter if necessary (appeal)
 - Holding a hearing following an independent investigation

It is therefore necessary to give some consideration to how these roles will operate in practice.

- 2.2 We will need to establish who will take the initial filter decision, who will form a "Hearing" Panel and make a decision on referred complaints and who will handle any requests for a review of the initial filter decision.

2.3 Initial Filter.

This decision will determine whether a complaint is dismissed without investigation, whether it is investigated and determined locally by the Standards Committee or in the case of really serious allegations, referred to the Standards Board for England. The initial filter body will need to be able to meet at very short notice and to react to complaints within a short time of them being received. It is suggested that members who make this initial decision will then be “conflicted” and therefore not able to take part in any formal Hearing Panel.

2.4 Hearing Panel or Sub Committee

2.5 The Committee already have an agreed procedure for dealing with complaints that are referred to the Standards Committee to determine once an investigation has taken place. This procedure will be followed in all such cases. It is important to note that there is likely to be a greater number of complaints for the Standards Committee to hear once this new regime is in place.

2.6 There was originally some thought that members of the Committee that had sat on the initial filter panel would not be able to take part in the hearing. Having considered this further I can see no reason why this should be so. The decision to be taken by the filter panel will be around whether there is a case to answer. As the actual merits of the case will not be considered at that point there would appear to be no reason why members cannot also sit on the Hearings Panel. Wherever possible, however, different members will be asked to sit on the Hearing Panel..

2.7 Reviewing appeals against the initial filter decision that no action should be taken

2.8 For obvious reasons members who have decided upon the initial filter will not be able to take part in a review of that decision. It is suggested that this panel be formed by 3 members of the Committee, wherever possible being, at least one independent member, one councillor and where appropriate, one parish representative.

3.0 How will local filtering work ?

3.1 Complaints will be made in the first instance to the local Monitoring Officer. Presumably this will involve us in preparing some kind of local publicity and designing a standard complaints form. Care should be taken that any initial publicity is designed to point out that matters are now being dealt with locally and is not seen as an invitation for people to submit unnecessary complaints.

3.2 In the absence of anything from the Standards Board for England it might be a good idea to adapt the current “How to make a complaint” booklet and complaints form.

3.3. Once a complaint has been received, a meeting of the Filtering Panel will be called. Consideration will need to be given at this stage as to how many members should form the Panel. I would suggest that it be 3 comprising at least one independent member (one of whom should Chair the Panel), one councillor and a parish representative if the matter refers to a parish councillor. The councillor member should not be of the same political party as the councillor the subject of the complaint.

3.4. The filtering panel will decide:

- If the complaint relates to a breach of the Code of Conduct
- Whether there is prima facie evidence of a breach of the Code
- Is an investigation necessary – would it serve any useful purpose
- Is there an alternative – mediation/conciliation/brokering an apology
- Is the case suitable for local investigation

3.5 Further thought will also need to be given to such areas as whether or not the press and public should be permitted to attend, whether there is an ability to defer consideration if a parallel inquiry is taking place, voting (decisions don't have to be unanimous).

3.6 If the decision is taken not to proceed with a complaint and the Committee are asked to review that decision, then a criteria will need to be established on how such requests should be dealt with. Presumably a review will not be carried out just because a complainant has asked for it. There should be some additional information or evidence to persuade the review panel that a case needs to be looked at again.

3.7. It will also be necessary to establish a protocol for the operation of the filtering panel. In this litigious age it is essential that the correct procedure is followed or the decisions could possibly be open to judicial review. The proceedings of the meetings will, therefore, need to be formally recorded. Reasons for decisions not to proceed with a complaint should always be explained.

4.0 Training

4.1 The Standards Committee has already undergone some brief, informal training by dealing with some case studies at its last meeting. There will also be an opportunity for the whole committee to receive further training on 31 January 2008 when there will be a Standards Committee training event at County Hall.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 In the absence of the required Regulations there can be no absolute certainty about exactly what the Standards Committee will be required to do. It is safe to assume, however, that it will be dealing with local regulation. It is essential, therefore, that we are ready to meet the challenge once the legislation is finalised.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Committee agree a framework for dealing with the initial filter of complaints and allegations;
- 6.2 That a procedure for local filtering be agreed (including a criteria for accepting or dismissing complaints and allegations)
- 6.3 That the necessary Panels be established for dealing with the initial filter, reviews of filter decisions and the hearing of complaints referred by the filter panel;
- 6.4 That a criteria be established for dealing with requests for a review;
- 6.5 That a media protocol be established

Greg Dyke
Democratic Services Manager

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2008

REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Proposed Protocol For Allowing Councillors With A Prejudicial Interest To Speak at Planning Committee Meetings

As members will probably recall, the new Code of Conduct allows councillors the right to speak at meetings of the Planning Committee where they might have a prejudicial interest in a particular planning application.

At the last meeting of this Committee, members were concerned to ensure that credibility was maintained when applications of this nature were under consideration. It also wanted to ensure that members of the public understood the new procedure and were aware of what was happening. It was suggested, therefore, that a protocol be prepared to ensure transparency.

This suggestion has already been taken on board by the Planning Committee and the following draft protocol has been prepared and is currently being used:

“To be read out by the Chairman:-

The revised Code of Conduct for Members, issued in May 2007 by the Standards Board for England, has introduced an ability for a Councillor who declares a prejudicial interest in a particular item to speak at Planning Committee meetings. In the past such a Councillor would have had to withdraw from the meeting as soon as the agenda item was reached.

As we have heard, Councillor xxxxxxxx has stated that he/she has a prejudicial interest in the following application. What will happen is that the Planning Officer will present the application to the Committee in the normal way and explain why the recommendation contained in the report has been made.

Once the presentation has ended and before any member of the public is called to speak, I will ask Councillor xxxxxxxx if he/she wishes to address the Committee. If he/she does, he/she will be provided with the same opportunity to speak as a member of the public. This means that he/she will be permitted to speak for a maximum of three minutes.

When he/she has finished speaking, I will invite him/her to leave the room before I call any other speakers or ask Members of the Committee to commence the debate on the application.

Can I repeat that this opportunity to address the Committee is now permitted under The Code of Conduct that applies to Councillors”

Members of the Standards Committee are asked to note the introduction of this protocol and to make any observations they feel necessary.

Greg Dyke
Democratic Services Manager

Code of Conduct Training

Parish Council	Date	Chairman	Clerk	Parish Councillors	Ind Member
Trull	16/07/2007	✓	✓	9/10	Lynn Rogers
West Buckland	31/07/2007	✓	✓	6/7	
Chipstable	01/08/2007	✓	✓	4/5	
Creech St Michael	06/08/2007	✓	✓	10/11	
Milverton	13/08/2007	✓	✓	12	Lynn Rogers
Staplegrove	14/08/2007	✓	✓	5/6	
Oake	14/08/2007	✓	✓	4/5	
North Curry	29/08/2007	✓	✓	9/13	Lynn Rogers
Ashbrittle	03/09/2007	✓	✓	5/5	
Corfe	04/09/2007	✓	✓	7/7	
Ruishton	05/09/2007	✓	✓	10/11	David Baker
Wiveliscombe	10/09/2007	✓	✓	14/18	Jenny Hoyle
Otterford	11/09/2007	✓	✓	3/5	
Bishops Lydeard	12/09/2007	✓	✓	9/16	Anne Elder
Cheddon Fitzpaine	13/09/2007	x	✓	5/6	Maurice Stanbury
Bishops Hull	20/09/2007	x	✓	8/12	
Bradford on Tone	19/09/2007	✓	✓	6/7	
West Hatch	25/09/2007	✓	✓	5/7	Dick Macey
Norton Fitzwarren	01/10/2007	✓	✓	6/9	David Baker
Wellington Town Council	01/10/2007	✓	✓	10/15	David Baker
Sampford Arundel	02/10/2007	✓	✓	6/7	
Wellington Without	02/10/2007		✓		
Kingston St Mary	08/10/2007	✓	✓	6/9	
Burrowbridge	09/10/2007	✓	✓	5/7	
Stawley	19/06/2007	✓	✓	4/5	
West Monkton	10/10/2007	✓	✓	6/9	
Lydeard St Lawrence	22/10/2007	☒	✓	5/9	
Halse	29/11/2007	✓	✓	4/5	Jenny Hoyle
Comeytrowe	05/11/2007	✓	✓	12/12	David Baker
Neroche	08/11/2007	✓	✓	7/11	Lynn Rogers
Hatch Beauchamp	09/01/2008				
West Bagborough	16/01/2008				
Bathealton	14/01/2008				
Langford Budville	12/11/2007	✓	✓	5/5	Maurice Stanbury
Nynehead	07/01/2008				
Churchstanton	14/11/2007	✓	✓	7/7	
Nynehead	07/01/2008	✓	✓	5/5	