

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL - HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF DECISION**

Local Assessment Case Nos. EFDC 1A/2009 and 5/2009

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting on 1 March 2010, the Hearings Sub-Committee considered two complaints that Parish Councillor Richard Morgan of Matching Parish Council had failed to follow the Parish Council's Members' Code of Conduct.

The complainants had alleged that:

- (a) Councillor Morgan had failed to declare personal and prejudicial interests at meetings of the Parish Council when he was Chairman of those meetings and there had been discussions about a proposed new cricket pavilion to be sited on the village green;
- (b) Councillor Morgan had a prejudicial interest in the matter because he is/was a Vice-President of the Matching Green Cricket Club and his brother and business partner was the President of the Cricket Club; and
- (c) Councillor Morgan by failing to declare personal and prejudicial interests had conducted himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute.

Notice is further given that based on the facts the Sub-Committee determined that Councillor Morgan:

- (a) did not have a prejudicial interest in the matter;
- (b) did have a personal interest in the matter which he declared at all the relevant meetings except for one held on 5 January 2009;
- (c) did not bring his office or authority into disrepute.

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee found that Councillor Morgan had failed to follow the Parish Council's Members' Code of Conduct on that one occasion when he failed to declare a personal interest. The Sub-Committee decided that no sanction was required having regard to the circumstances.

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**Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Hearings Sub-Committee of the Standards
Committee**

11 March 2010