

**YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 4**

Minutes of the meeting held at YDNPA offices, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 10:30am.

**Present:**

Standards Committee Members:

Mark Corner, Neil Heseltine, David Ireton (in the Chair following his election), Carl Lis and Neil Swain

Also present:

Lynda Fothergill and Alex Roche (Independent Persons)

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**01/21 Membership of the Committee**

The report of the Committees Officer was NOTED.

**02/21 Election of Chair**

David Ireton was nominated for the position of Chair of the Committee.

**RESOLVED –**

By unanimous vote, that David Ireton be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee to hold office until the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Authority in 2022.

***DAVID IRETON IN THE CHAIR***

**03/21 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence had been received.

**04/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2020**

**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **05/21 Public Questions / Statements**

No notifications of public questions or of the intention to make a statement had been received.

### **06/21 Declarations of Lobbying**

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

### **07/21 Model Code of Conduct**

During a discussion on this item, the Committee noted the recent revision to the Authority's Code of Conduct, and the impending changes to local authorities in Cumbria and North Yorkshire as a result of local government re-organisation. Although a separate Social Media Protocol for Members had recently been adopted, it was observed that the Code itself does not currently contain any reference to social media.

The Committee agreed that the Authority's Code of Conduct is currently fit for purpose and no changes are urgently required. It was suggested that, when the Code of Conduct is next reviewed, consideration could be given to the Local Government Association Guidance on the Model Code of Conduct and to the role of the Independent Person.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Committee recommends to the Authority that the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct is not adopted at present, and a further review of the Authority's Code of Conduct is undertaken in due course.

### **08/21 Code of Conduct Complaints**

The Committee NOTED the Code of Conduct complaint activity – namely receipt of one complaint which had resulted in no further action.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10:52.