

Alan Pain

From: CHAPMAN Mark <
Sent: 12 January 2015 15:46
To: Alan Pain
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Alan

I can confirm that, as I have heard nothing from Cllr Tickner, I wish you to pursue this matter formally.

Regards

Cllr Mark Chapman

From: Alan Pain [mailto:
Sent: 12 January 2015 15:45
To: CHAPMAN Mark
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Hi Mark

Thanks for your time again on the phone on Friday.

As discussed, I will wait to hear from you to confirm whether you wish to take this forward now through the formal conduct committee process.

Regards,

Alan

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From: CHAPMAN Mark
Sent: 05 January 2015 08:50
To: Alan Pain
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Alan

Sorry, Try

Regards

Mark Chapman

From: Alan Pain [r]
Sent: 19 December 2014 15:16
To: CHAPMAN Mark
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Hi Mark

Thanks for the number below. I've tried to call several times but have never got through to a ring tone.

May I just check that the number is correct?

Best Regards,

Alan

From: CHAPMAN Mark [r]
Sent: 08 December 2014 13:56
To: Alan Pain
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Alan

(is good.

Regards

Mark Chapman

From: Alan Pain [r]
Sent: 08 December 2014 13:09
To: CHAPMAN Mark
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Hi Mark

Thanks for your note. Is there a number I can call you on so we can discuss next steps that may be open to you?

Regards,

Alan

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From: CHAPMAN Mark [r]
Sent: 27 November 2014 08:19
To: Alan Pain
Subject: RE: Cllr Tickner

Alan

Thanks for getting back to me. I can confirm that no further discussion has taken place between myself and Cllr Tickner. If she believes that her behaviour was not worthy of an apology, I suggest she needs some guidance.

For my part, I cannot accept that accusing the Chair of corruption in open forum during an official meeting is acceptable and undermines the integrity of the office. What is the point of agreeing and publishing standards of conduct if they cannot be enforced?

Regards

Mark Chapman

Chairman Benwick Parish Council

From: Alan Pain
Sent: 26 November 2014 16:21
To: CHAPMAN Mark
Cc: Tom Lewis
Subject: Cllr Tickner

Dear Mark

I write in reference to our earlier conversations and correspondence regarding Cllr Tickner.

While Cllr Tickner had initially said that she did not intend to offer an apology I wanted to check with you whether this issue has now been informally resolved at the Parish level as I have heard nothing further for a little while?

I would be happy to discuss this with you, my contact details are all as below.

Regards,

Alan

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Alan Pain

From: pat <p.>
Sent: 01 October 2014 08:12
To: Tom Lewis; Alan Pain
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Conduct complaint

Good morning

I have thought long and hard on this complaint but have decided that I will not apologise for my outburst.

You will have to deal with this as you think fit

Regards

Patricia Tickner
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Please contact me on the above telephone numbers for all information regarding booking the village hall, cinema, tombola's or the different dinners the village hall arrange.

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On Monday, 15 September 2014, 20:09, Tom Lewis < > wrote:

I am now out of the Office until Tuesday 16th September 2014. I will respond to your e mail on my return although I will be checking my e mail sporadically for any urgent matters until my return.

Many thanks

Tom Lewis

Senior Solicitor Conveyancing and Contracts and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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Alan Pain

From: Alan Pain
Sent: 19 September 2014 09:49
To: 'pat'
Cc: Tom Lewis
Subject: RE: Conduct complaint

Dear Patricia

Many thanks for sending this through.

I note that you say that you 'are loath to offer an apology', but I sense that you have not entirely ruled this out and therefore I wonder if you would like to reflect on this a little further?

As discussed on the phone, we are always keen to see if can reach an amicable and informal solution to such matters if at all possible. Among other things, this helps us to avoid the potential ongoing administration and expense of a complaint through the more formal, and resource intensive, Conduct Committee.

Perhaps I can leave this thought with you and we can catch up again after the weekend?

Best Regards,

Alan

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From: pat [mailto:_____
Sent: 15 September 2014 21:09
To: Alan Pain
Cc: Tom Lewis
Subject: Re: Conduct complaint

Dear Mr Pain

Further to your email of the 9th September concerning the complaint of Cllr. M. Chapman against myself. I have considered all the facts but I am still loath to offer an apology although I admit that what he has stated is what happened.

In my defence I must say that the item under discussion has been a very contentious subject concerning many in the village. It all stems from the care of the tubs of flowers in the village two of which plus the mooring are cared for by a Cllr. Spoor with the rest being cared for by the Benwick in Bloom. The two tubs and mooring were the subject of the discussion and in my honest opinion it should have been more open and not done as Cllr

Chapman handled it by just offering the subject to Cllr Spoor saying "What would you like to do?" As she was the one involved in this argument with B in B then it would have been more appropriate if she had left the room whilst the subject was discussed and not just asked what she wanted to do. As the tubs and the mooring had not been looked after in an appropriate way up till then it was universally agreed that Cllr Spoor would keep the mooring and hand over the tubs to B in B. At least that is what I was informed by Cllr Sutton before the meeting who also indicated that he had spoken to Cllr. Spoor who had agreed with this solution. For us to then hear Cllr Chapman hand this item to Cllr Spoor on a plate was like a red rag to a bull and I am afraid to say I lost my temper, especially seeing that there were two for and two against, Cllr Richardson and myself against and Cllr Chapman and Cllr Spoor for with Cllr Sutton deciding not to vote which left Cllr Chapman with casting vote.

I am not in the slightest bit interested in how Cllr. Chapman perceives his 'integrity' I am more interested in how the council are perceived as a whole and we are becoming a laughing stock with the continuous argument between Cllr. Spoor and the B in B group, which has been going on now since the B in B were started, and who it must be said have made a great improvement in the appearance of the village so far and again this year for the second time have been awarded a silver certificate from the Fenland village competition.

Perhaps I should not have said the word 'fix' but being done in the heat of the moment I didn't give it much thought and I would probably do the same thing again in these circumstances.

Regards

Patricia Tickner

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On Tuesday, 9 September 2014, 15:27, Alan Pain <...> wrote:

Dear Cllr Tickner

Thank you for your time on the phone this afternoon.

As discussed, I have forwarded (below) a complaint received by Cllr Mark Chapman. Cllr Chapman has since indicated that in terms of resolution he would accept an apology for the incident he describes.

At this stage we would always seek an informal and amicable resolution of such a complaint if at all possible. With this in mind, and in keeping with our Conduct procedures, may I ask you to consider the e-mail below.

If you would be able to reply to me within the next 7 days it would be very much appreciated. If you would like to talk to me further about this issue or the Conduct process please do not hesitate to contact me. I have also copied in Tom Lewis, our Deputy Monitoring Officer, who will also be able to assist.

Regards,

Alan

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From: CHAPMAN Mark Jr
Sent: 12 August 2014 10:42
To: monitoringofficer
Cc: Mark Chapman
Subject: Benwick Parish Council - Misconduct by Councillor

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a formal complaint about the behaviour of Councillor Patricia Tickner at the Benwick Parish Council meeting held at the Benwick Village hall on 4 Aug 14. During a discussion on an agenda item a proposal was made, it was seconded. At the vote there was two for the motion and two against and one abstained (Councillor Tickner was "against" I was "for". Consequently, the vote was tied.

Immediately after the vote, and before I had cast my casting vote, Councillor Tickner exclaimed loudly and vehemently, in front of members of the public and Cllr John Clark , that I had fixed the vote before the meeting.

This obviously raised some tension, and I was obliged to suspend the meeting for a short period to let tempers settle before restarting.

I have given Councillor Tickner ample time to apologise for her outburst, but that has not been forthcoming.

I take this attack on my integrity, and the office of Chairman very seriously and feel I have no option but to raise it with you for formal review.

The meeting was taped and is available for review if you ask the Parish Clerk, Mrs J Richardson (benwickparishcouncil.clerk@gmail.com).

Yours

Mark Chapman
Chairman
Benwick Parish Council
Email [redacted]

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