

Ethical Governance and Personnel Committee

DECISION NOTICE: OTHER ACTION

Reference 2017/04

We notify all concerned parties in writing once we have determined a complaint. This decision notice will be sent to

- The person making the allegation
- The Subject Member

Complaint

The Ethical Governance and Personnel Committee considered a complaint that Councillor Granger had allegedly breached the Barwell Parish Council Code of Conduct by being verbally abusive towards a member of the public.

Decision

The Committee considered this matter and agreed that the relevant parts of the Code of Conduct were

You will:-

- (a) Have regard to the Nolan principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.
- (b) Strive to establish respectful and courteous relationships with everyone you come into contact with as a Member.

Members expressed concern about the number of calls Councillor Granger allegedly made to the complainant on the day of the aforementioned conversation. Concern was also expressed about individual parish councillors dealing with complaints and land use issues.

It was felt that an investigation would not provide any additional information as it would be the complainant's word against the subject member's. It was, therefore, felt that Councillor Granger should be requested to send a written apology to the complainant. It was also suggested that, given two similar complaints against Councillor Granger had been addressed at this meeting, the subject member be reminded of the Nolan Principles and that the parish council be requested to consider arranging training for him on dealing with people appropriately.

Monitoring Officer
16 August 2017