



Decision Notice

Date of Determination: 31 January 2022

Complainant: Mrs Day

Councillor: Councillor Robin Dixon

Investigating Officer: Mrs Crowe

Summary of Complaint:

The background to the complaint centers on Mrs Days planning application submitted to Braintree District Council, and to which Terling and Fairstead Parish Council were a Statutory Consultee. The complaint relates to the behaviours exhibited by the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Dixon, during a meeting of the Planning Committee on 9 February 2021.

Code of Conduct

The Complaint was considered against the following provisions set out within the Terling and Fairstead Parish Council's Code of Conduct:

- a. You must treat others with respect; and
- b. You must not do anything which may cause the Authority to breach any of the equality enactments.

Findings of the Monitoring Officer:

The Monitoring Officer has determined that the behaviours of Councillor Dixon are in breach of the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, having regards to the full facts of this matter, and the views of the Independent Person.

However, was not minded, to instigate a full investigation of the matter. With agreement of the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer does not believe that this situation warrants a full investigation. The elements identified were quite clear and the findings of a full investigation will not bring about a different outcome.

Monitoring Officer Advice

The Monitoring Officer has advised that it would be beneficial for Councillor Dixon to undergo training in the following areas:

- 1. Refresh of the planning process;
- 2. Emotional intelligence; and
- 3. Equality Act.

Kim Cole

Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer