

Annex 1

July to October – received but closed

Parish and Town Councils - Member Code of Conduct Complaints

Context

These complaints related to **five** different parish councils:

Parish Council A = complaint 1

Parish Council B = complaints 2, 6 and 7

Parish Council C = complaint 3

Parish Council D = complaints 4 and 5

Parish Council E = complaint 8

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Origin	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	06/07/22	23/08/22	Public	Stage 1 1.5 months (within target)	Disrespect by making untrue allegation about fellow councillors in a meeting	No finding needed – apology given as informal resolution
2.	13/07/22	19/08/22	Public	Initial Assessment 1 month (1 week outside target – needed to research context)	Disrespect in aggressively challenging persons who queried the councillor's attendance and actions	No evidence of undue challenge sufficient to engage the Code; reminded to accept scrutiny.

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Origin	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
3.	01/08/22	10/08/22	Public	Initial Assessment 7 days (within target)	Disrespect in seeming to criticise a shouted comment from the public gallery	No evidence of disrespect; free speech; no case to answer.
4.	30/08/22	15/09/22	Public (recent former colleague councillor)	Initial Assessment 2 weeks (within target)	Disclosed confidential information – correspondence between councillors	No evidence of confidentiality; no case to answer.
5.	30/08/22	15/09/22	Public (as in 4. above)	Initial Assessment 11 days (within target)	Disrespect in communications – implied threat ('angering the subject councillor was unwise').	No evidence of disrespect sufficient to engage Code; robust speech; no case to answer.
6.	31/08/22	21/09/22	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 15 days (within target)	Disrespect of disability; failure to declare interest about involvement with community groups.	No evidence of disrespect; no declarable interest existed; no case to answer
7.	31/08/22	21/09/22	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 15 days (within target)	Failure to declare interest about involvement with community groups	No declarable interest existed; no case to answer.
8.	20/09/21	21/10/22	Fellow councillor	Stage 1 1 month (within target)	Disrespect through allegation of making untrue statement	Apology given. No public interest in further stages.