

Annex 1 July to September 2023: Parish and Town Councils - Member Code of Conduct Complaints

Context

These complaints related to **three** different parish councils.

Council A = complaint 1 and 4

Council B = complaint 2 and 3

Council C = complaint 5

Council D = complaint 6

Complaint 7 = Hughenden Parish Council

White = open. Grey = closed.

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Origin	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	10/02/23	Open complaint	Anonymous (name known to Monitoring Officer)	Stage 3 – investigation completed; referred to Hearing Sub-Committee for determination	Respect, disrepute, misuse of information - published personal data online	Hearing Sub-Committee to consider the complaint.
2.	05/07/23	Closed	Fellow councillor	Stage 1 (Informal Resolution) – one month.	Bringing authority into disrepute; councillor acted without authority	No, actions well-meaning; issues more about governance than conduct.
3.	08/07/23	Closed	Public	Stage 1 (Informal Resolution) – one month.	Bringing authority into disrepute; councillor acted without authority	No, actions well-meaning; issues more about governance than conduct.

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4.	10/07/23	Open complaint	Public	Stage 2 – under consideration	Breach of personal data; bringing the council into disrepute	Ongoing
5.	18/09/23	Open complaint	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment – 15 days; aspects now at to Stage 1	Failure to declare interests; undue pressure on colleagues; inappropriate spending	At Stage 1 (failure to declare interests); all other aspects closed.
6.	22/09/22	Closed on 03/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment – completed in 7 days.	Misled the public; brought council into disrepute	Code not engaged. Issues relate to council's own governance.
7.	28/09/23	Open complaint	Parish Council	Stage 1 (Informal Resolution); NB Initial Assessment completed within 1 day.	Failure to discharge sanctions from previous breaches	At Stage 1