

### Summary of Member Code of Conduct Complaints Received in 2017/18

Date received/ Ref.	Complainant(s)	Subject Member/ Council	Details of Allegation(s)	Outcome
09/08/17 PC7-17	Member of Public	Sprotbrough & Cusworth Town Cllrs (2) and staff	Not allowing complainant to view PC accounts at a convenient time and not being allowed time to speak in a public meeting, and the way the Chair managed meetings.	DMBC officers met with complainant – allegations didn't constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct.  Complainant was advised that issues were all capable of being managed by Town Council and the way the Chair manages meetings is governed by PC's own standing orders
Aug 17 DC5-17	Member of public	DMBC Cllr	Complainant was a DMBC staff member who alleged that Cllr had misused his position as a Cllr and been rude to her during a telephone conversation. .	Discussed with IP. Possible breach. Met with Cllr. Cllr refuted the complaint and was not inclined to apologise. Attempted to arrange a meeting between complainant and Cllr but complainant decided not to meet, assuming lessons had been learned.
22/09/17 PC8-17	Thorne Town Cllr	Thorne-Moorends Councillors (6)	Alleged that the Cllrs should not have taken part in a decision to award a contract as they were members of a community organisation benefitting from the works to be carried out.	Complaint dismissed as membership of the body did not constitute an interest.
16/10/17 PC9-17	Thorne Town Cllr	Thorne-Moorends Councillors (5)	Alleged that Councillors should have declared an interest as members of a Community group relating to a decision being taken	Complaint dismissed as membership of the body did not constitute an interest.

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PC10-17 14/10/17	Thorne Town Cllr	Thorne Moorends Town Cllrs (2)	Allegation that 1 Cllr was abusive over the telephone and during meetings and that another Cllr posted details on Facebook.	Following discussion with the IP an investigation was commenced but subsequently both Cllrs have left Thorne Moorends Council and so no longer fall under the remit of the Standards regime and so the investigation has ceased.
PC11-17 16/10/17	Member of public	Thorne Town Cllr	Allegation that Cllr posted on Facebook naming him and falsely accusing of Bullying and Harassing a lady.	Cllr resigned – no further action taken.
PC12-17 2.11.17	Member of public	Warmsworth Parish Cllr	Allegation that Cllr made remarks of a sexually discriminative nature about him during a meeting at Warmsworth allotments site.	After SF spoke to the complainant and discussed with IP it was decided there was insufficient relevant evidence to warrant a formal investigation.
PC13-17	Stainforth Town Cllr	Stainforth Town Councillor	Possible discriminatory remarks by Councillor against complainant during a meeting referring to the complainants health	SF and IP referred for investigation and report.  Investigating officer set up meeting with complainant but received an email back saying that she hoped to meet with Cllr later in week and resolve matter.  Investigating officer received emails from clerk and complainant to say matter resolved, followed up with conversation with complainant.

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				Complainant withdrew the complaint.
PC14-17	Member of public	Finningley Parish Cllr	Allegation of Cllr had retained public property despite having declared in meetings that the property had been returned.	MO and IP referred for investigation. Investigating officer found that property had been returned and the parties had both misunderstood what each other were saying regarding the return. The complaint was not upheld but a number of recommendations were made to the parish council on its processes following the investigation
PC15-17 22.12.17	Thorne-Moorends Cllr	Thorne Moorends Town Cllr and Clerk	Allegation that process for co-option of a councillor was not correct and items discussed during the meeting were not listed as agenda items.	MO and IP found that processes for co-option were in line with good practice and procedural matters were not a matter for MO.
PC1-18	Clerk Thorne Moorends TC	Thorne Moorends Town Cllr	Allegations first commenced in September 17 but completed Code of Conduct complaint form received in January 18. Ongoing issues at Thorne Moorends Town Council including resignation of previous clerk, and intimidation/bullying of Town Council workers, posting on Facebook. Culmination of a long term issue at that Council.	MO and IP referred to investigating officer for investigation and report. Town Councillor now resigned so no further action can be taken.
PC2-18 24/01/18	Clerk to Hatfield TC	Hatfield Town Cllrs (2)	Allegations that 2 councillors had breached the Code of Conduct and sent in a completed form on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 17, but	Under consideration between MO & IP. Systematic of tensions at Hatfield Town Council

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			<p>asked that it just be held on file to see if the situation got any better.</p> <p>Telephone call on 24/1/18 from Clerk to say she now wished to go ahead with the complaint. Also sent a complaint form out to the Mayor of Hatfield, who wishes to make a complaint under the Code of Conduct regarding the same matter.</p>	
DC1-18 21/02/18	Member of public	DMBC Mex Ward	Complaint that Cllr had sent him an email regarding the work of a voluntary body when he had not shared his email address with the Councillor.	MO discussed with IP and found that the email did not constitute a breach of the code of conduct although he did consider the language to be "robust" and would discuss with Cllr. MO spoke to Cllr and advised him regarding the use of potentially inflammatory language
DC2-18 22/02/18	Member of public	DMBC Cllr	Complainant alleged that Cllr used threatening language on Twitter account and accessing his details on LinkedIn. He did not originally send in a completed complaint form. He corresponded by email and wished to wait for an apology from Cllr. but when apology not forthcoming, submitted form.	MO and IP found that the language used on Twitter was within context of the conversation and not threatening. SF to speak to Cllr. Accessing information on LinkedIn page is not a breach of the code.