



Complaints about a Member of a Council's failure to behave

1. Your name:

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3. Full name of the person
the complaint is about:

Councillor Ian Robinson

4. Name of the Council of
which they are a member:

Northill Parish Council

5. Requesting your identity to be kept confidential:

(Please note that requests for confidentiality or anonymity will not automatically be granted. The Monitoring Officer will consider the request alongside the substance of your complaint)

Reason for anonymity:

6. Nature of the Complaint:

(definitions of these terms can be found at the end of this form).

Please tick the relevant categories

Selflessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Selflessness
Integrity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrity
Objectivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Objectivity
Accountability	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountability
Openness	<input type="checkbox"/> Openness
Honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> Honesty
Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership

7. Please set out the details of your complaint:

Councillor Robinson has
Selflessness 5. Failed to comply to never use his position as a member of the Council improperly to secure for any other person, an advantage or disadvantage.

Integrity 2. Failed to keep private council decisions and resolutions confident.

Leadership. Failed to set an example by his behaviour and to act in a way that enhances public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Council and its Members.

Failed to show respect and courtesy to others.

Failed to value the Council's officer and work alongside her to achieve the Council's objectives

In his dealings with the Council's employees, he has failed to have regard to the Council's protocol on Member/Officer Relations and behaved in a manner towards the Clerk, Chairman and other Members that constituted bullying.

During the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 8th April 2013, Councillor Robinson used the Any Other Business from the previous meetings minutes to raise a number of points. He quickly became loud and aggressive, raising his voice and demanding to "be allowed to finish", at times banging his hand on the table. This courtesy was given to him. He continued to ask questions but would not accept the answers as they were not to his liking. Despite asking numerous questions, he refused to listen to any answers, gesticulating, pointing at the Clerk, Chairman and other Members and shouting them down. During this time, about 1 hour, 3 other Members had their hands raised to indicate a wish to participate, they were acknowledged by the Chair, but, despite the Chair's attempts to break into the tirade, Councillor Robinson was unstoppable, raising his voice to overcome the Chariman's voice. At no time, despite being asked, did he cease his rant, nor afford the same courtesy of allowing the others to finish what they were saying.

Part of his questions related to previously answered questions and resolutions, relating to two parishioners, deemed vexatious by NPC and upheld by the ICO. Despite previously agreeing with council's 'Policy for dealing with vexatious complaints', Cllr Robinson continues to promote the interests and views of these two parishioners. His (and their) manner and one of is harassment and bullying, aimed particularly at the clerk. Cllr Robinson takes every opportunity, at sub

committee meetings as well as full council, to harrass and badger the clerk and council in his efforts to support the two parishioners.

The events at Monday nights council were unfortunately, not a 'one off'. Cllr Robinson has previously lost control, in particular at the Annual Parish Meeting, behaving in a similar bullying manner. I have not attached any documents, but minutes and emails are available if required.

8. Please identify any documents which would support your complaint:

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Please indicate the outcome you would like to achieve by submitting this complaint:

b) other (please provide details)

If other, please give details:

Removal as a councillor. I have no confidence in Cllr Robinson as a fair and open member of Northill Parish Council, nor in his adherence to the standards required by the Code of Conduct and the Nolan Priciples.

When you have completed all of the form, we would ask that you check through the information and then save or print a copy for your records.

What standards of Conduct are elected Members of a Council expected to observe? (section 6 above refers)

Selflessness:Members must always act in the public interestMembers must never use their position as a member of the Council improperly to secure for themselves or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage.Members must not use the Council's resources improperly for personal or party political purposes.

IntegrityMembers must not do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the Council.Members must not disclose information given to them in confidence.

Objectivity:When making decisions on behalf of the Council, including awarding contracts or making appointments, Members must do so on merit.Members must have regard to any relevant advice provided to them by the Council's officers and, in particular, the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, where such advice is provided pursuant to their statutory duties*.</li

(*Note: This paragraph will need to be revised in the case of town and parish councils).

AccountabilityMembers must act in accordance with their legal obligations, including the following Acts of Parliament that confer special obligations on elected councillors:Local Government Act 1972Employment Rights Act 1996Data Protection Act 1998Freedom of Information Act 2000Bribery Act 2010Equality Act 2010Localism Act 2011Members must act in accordance with the Council's policies and reasonable requirements, including any protocols and codes of practice that may apply. (e.g. in respect of Member/Officer Relations, ICT, Member Allowances etc).

OpennessMembers must give reasons for any decisions taken on behalf of the Council in accordance with any statutory requirements and the Council's Constitution.Members must not prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law.

HonestyMembers must declare any disclosable (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) interests or conflicts of interest that may arise in respect of their responsibilities as a member of the Council.Members must at all times ensure that any claims for expenses, allowances, and any use of facilities and services provided by the Council, are strictly in accordance with the rules laid down on these matters.

LeadershipMembers must set an example by their behaviour and shall act in a way that enhances public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Council and its Members. Members must show respect and courtesy to others.Members should value the Council's officers and work alongside them to achieve the Council's objectives.In their dealings with the Council's employees, Members must have regard to the Council's protocol on Member/Officer Relations and on no account should they behave in a manner that might constitute bullying.

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