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**From:** Nick Pearce  
**To:** John Atkinson  
**Subject:** FW: Last week's letters page

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**Sent:** 03/05/2013 10:32:37

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**From:** Sam Vernon [mailto:sam.vernon@jpress.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 03 May 2013 10:14  
**To:** Nick Pearce  
**Subject:** Re: Last week's letters page

Dear Nick,

Thank-you for the email and sorry for delayed reply - pasted text below. Sorry a bit messy - always forget how to convert the pages into PDF's!

Hope it's ok, if not let me know.

Many thanks,

Sam

council

My take on parish meeting

I am responding to David Milton's letter (Chronicle, April 19). Firstly. I would like to know if he had the Northill Parish Council's complete authority to write that letter or is it on his own behalf under the guise of the council.

He very publicly supports and rightly praises the clerk for her excellent work since taking over as clerk especially in sorting out the problems left by her predecessor and I add my support. However, I do feel that she was left "hanging out to dry" at the last council meeting by her biggest supporter, namely David Milton.

I am an ex-clerk of a parish council and several school governing bodies and I speak from experience.

In the circumstances of the last parish meeting, the fact that she was allegedly harassed, was down entirely to the very weak handling of the meeting by David Milton.

He should have been answering the questions without bringing the clerk into the debate. If he felt that time was being taken up by one person he should have said so not left it to the clerk. He should also have stopped the harassment by at least two other councillors who verbally attacked the speaker. I do not blame the other councillors and to a certain extent they were doing what the chairman should have done.

As a first time visitor to this parish meeting, I was appalled at the "bear pit" atmosphere and I sincerely hope that David Milton controls the meetings better in the future so he does not feel the need to protect in print the lady who is employed to give and take advice but who ended up having to run the meeting, which subsequently was abandoned.

I also hope that this letter does not mean that I will be muzzled by the parish council. I would like to see the authority where the council has the means to take away people's right to free speech.

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Hi Sam,

This isn't urgent, but is there any chance you could email me a copy of last week's letters from the Chronicle. I am after a letter about Northill Parish Council.

Thanks,

Nick

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