

APPENDIX Q

The email quoted from Sam Vernon only mentions the Clerk which is incorrect, it should have made reference to the Chair and Clerk. As it is presented in the report it appears that the Clerk is running the meeting. This is an extremely misleading statement and anyone reading this report would put a very negative bias on the capability of the Clerk. If Sam Vernon's email was copied verbatim it does not make sense and would have biased the Independent Persons assessment of the situation. If it was a typing error made when compiling this report, then that is unacceptable and reflects badly on CBC Legal Services.

It is also of some concern that the report contains the full correspondence from Sam Vernon and Mr John Davies, which was submitted 5 months after the event, both of which appear to support Cllr Robinson actions, whilst the letter from Mr Alan Bigg who commented on the behaviour of Cllr Robinson is limited to a few words. This again, in my opinion, is biasing the report in favour of Cllr Robinson actions.

The Independent Persons statement *"The actions taken by the Councillor immediately after the meeting and follow up action by attending a course goes some way to mitigating his actions on the night in question.* It would appear that by Cllr Robinson saying sorry via email negates the whole raft of complaints raised against him. Although Cllr Robinson has stated he has read the "Good Councillor Guide" and undertaken extra training, in my opinion he has not changed his unacceptable behaviour and conduct, in fact I believe he has got worse. This would have been confirmed if CBC Legal Services had monitored Cllr Robinson over the 12 months it has taken to issue this report.

The Independent Persons statement *"From the information supplied I think that clearly the history leading up to the meeting, the manner in which it was conducted and controlled, all helped bring about this rather unsatisfactory event. I do not think Councillor Robinson should shoulder all the blame as it would appear he felt he was being obstructed in getting appropriate information from the Parish Council (whom he is a part of), getting unhelpful responses to questions does not, in my experience, help."* All NPC Councillors including Cllr Robinson are kept fully aware of the Council's business by way of the informative meeting minutes. However Cllr Robinson chooses to be very selective in what he remembers to suit the occasion.

On the 17 August 2013@14:25, John Atkinson sent me an email stating *"I have asked my colleague, Lorna McShane, to investigate your complaint. As you may be aware, both Lorna and I attended last night's meeting of the Parish Council and I expect that Lorna will contact you shortly in connection with her investigation."* The purpose of the visit was to monitor at first hand the conduct and behaviour of Cllr Robinson, so it is of very great concern that the findings from that visit are not included in this report.

I find it totally unacceptable that this report should take 12 months to produce and then expect a reply within 10 days with a course of action to refer the matter for local resolution. I believe this report is very biased and condones the actions of Cllr Robinson who is made out to be the innocent person which he is not. From the comments made by the Independent Person it would appear that he only reviewed this report, with glaring errors, and not all the evidence that was available.

In general a very unsatisfactory report that has not rectified the original complaints against Cllr Robinson.

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