

## APPENDIX R .

Initial Assessment of complaints against Cllr Robinson on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Response by Cllr Robinson.

The 6 page assessment reveals a balanced argument. However, I maintain that at no time during the council meeting did my behaviour constitute a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct, as set out on page 1 of the assessment.

I did apologise personally to the Clerk immediately after the meeting and later sent my apologies to the chair and councillors present. I also voluntarily attended a councillor course covering practice and procedure.

My reason for apologising is that in my opinion it is a 'Gentlemanly' thing to do in a situation where my actions or words have appeared to cause offence. I liken this to someone falsely accusing me of some misdemeanour and the person showing a certain distress. My natural reaction would be to say 'I am sorry' to defuse the situation.

Despite my apologies, a number of official complaints were later issued against me as if my apology confirmed alleged misconduct. Since the meeting in April of last year, I have been excluded from council subcommittees and treated with certain disrespect. Recent letters from the Clerk have questioned my memory and competence and quite recently I was verbally abused at the Annual Parish Meeting by two councillors. I am not making any formal complaint about any these matters at the present time as I consider there have been enough complaints that could have been resolved locally through mediation.

I am certain that I have not breached any councillor conduct to date but continue to experience hostility from certain councillors. However, I am willing to accept the recommendation and welcome the opportunity to resolve this matter within the confines of the parish council without further harmful publicity of any alleged complaint against me.

Cllr Ian Robinson

15<sup>th</sup> April 2014