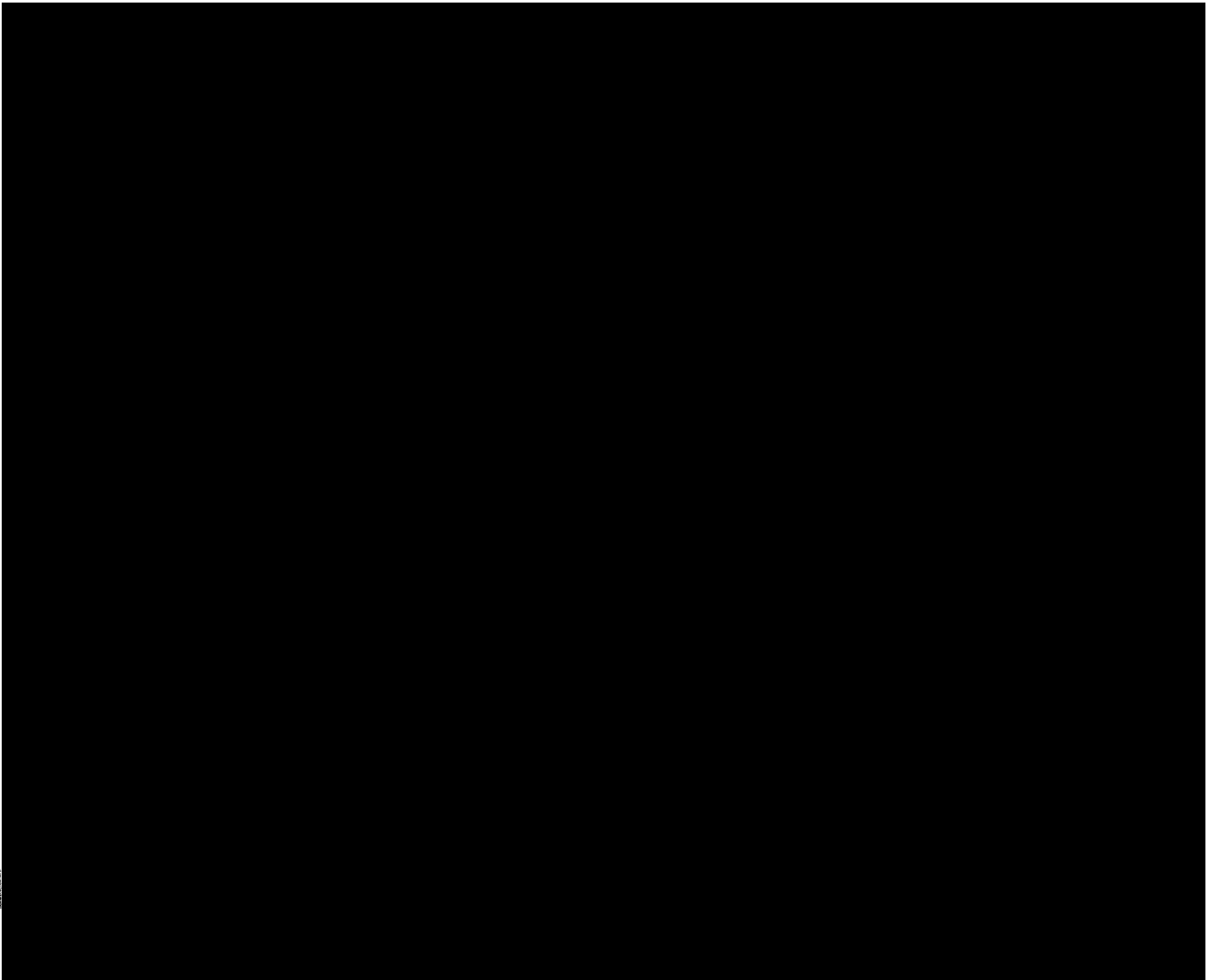
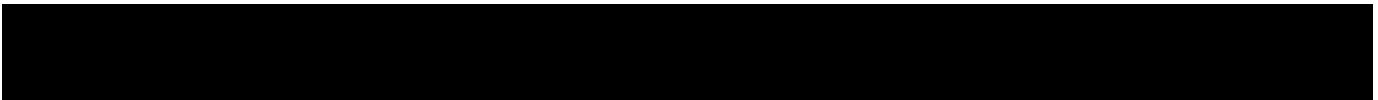
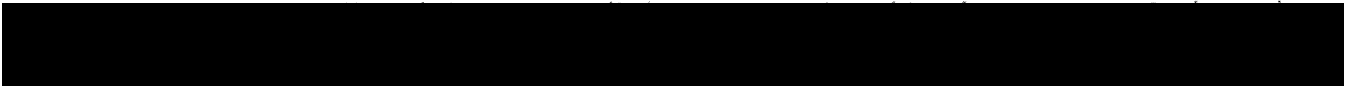
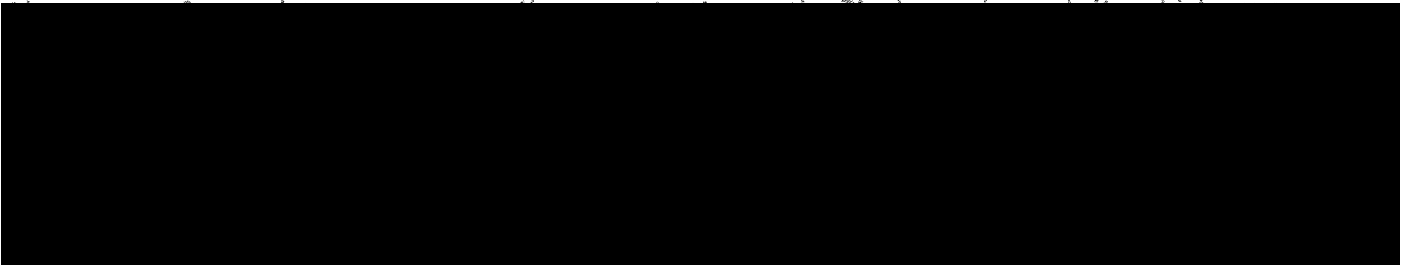
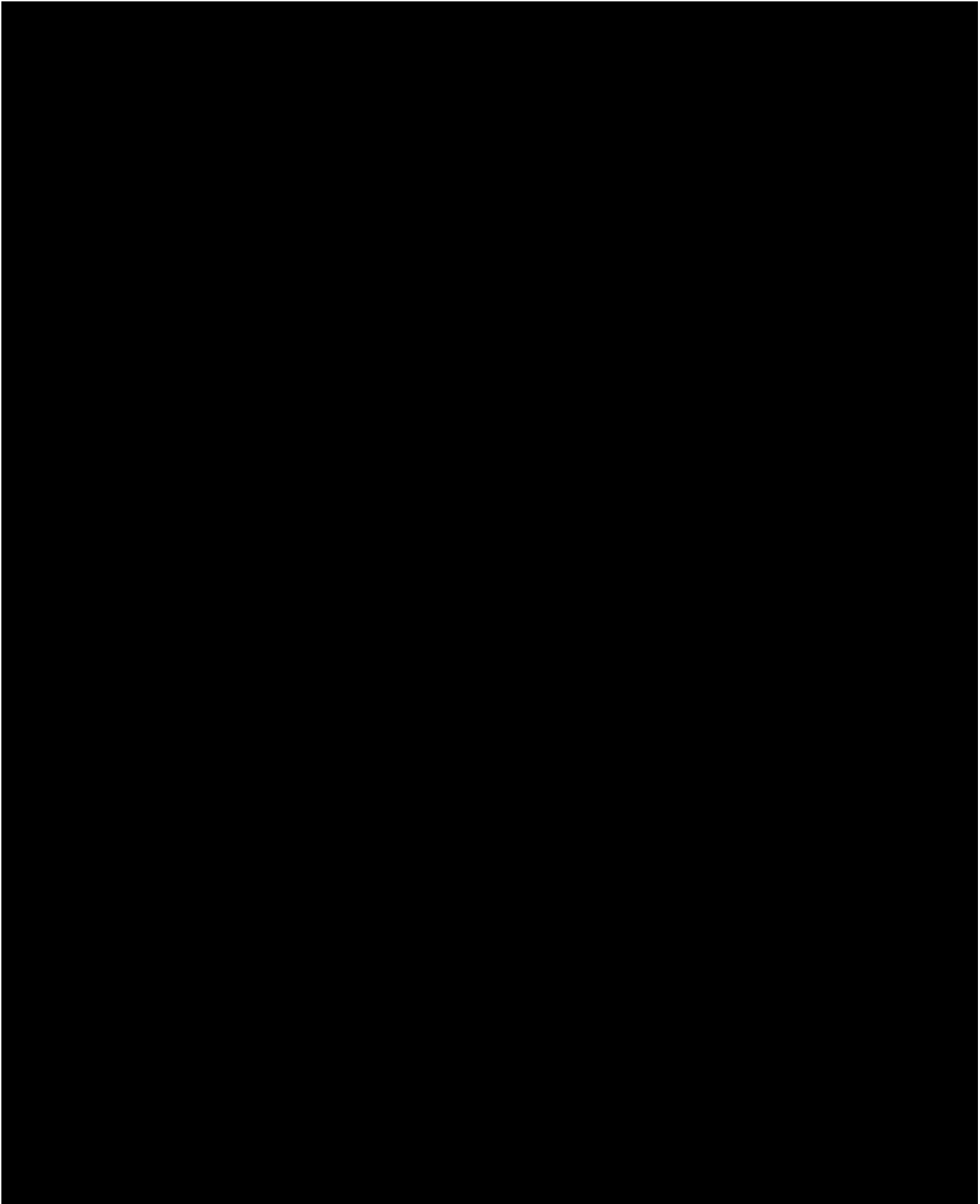




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Dear Mrs McShane

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It has recently come to my attention that Councilor Ian Robinson, Northill Parish Council, has received a complaint made against him, regarding an incident that occurred during a meeting of Northill Parish Council, on the 8th April 2013.

As a resident of Upper Caldecote, part of the parish of Northill, I attended that meeting and as an observer I would appreciate the opportunity to give an account as to how I saw the incident develop.

Cllr Robinson was questioning the Chairman, Mr David Milton, about various matters, during which there was an exchange of questions and answers. Cllr Robinson asked for more detailed clarification on a particular matter, and Chairman then requested the Parish Clerk, Mrs Leanne Bacon, to provide more information.

She did so by answering Cllr Robinson direct. He addressed another question to the Chairman who again asked the Clerk to clarify. She, again, directed her answer to Cllr Robinson, instead of normal protocol which would be to reply to the Chairman, who would clarify a reply to the questioner. (even if the Chair acknowledged the Clerk could reply).

At no time, to my knowledge, did Cllr Robinson address any questions direct to the Clerk, although he did comment.

As far as I remember, at a point where Cllr Robinson requested more detail on the subject he was enquiring about, the Clerk again began to speak, then arose from her seat and left the room. I understand she was tearful. At this point Chairman closed the meeting.

In all of the 50 years or more that I have been attending both Town and Parish Council meetings I have watched and listened to, sometimes, very heated argument, but never seen anyone leave a meeting under those conditions.

In my honest opinion, if the Clerk had kept to protocol, and given her replies directly back to the Chairman, for him to answer Cllr Robinson's queries, the present situation would never have arisen.

Cllr Robinson is very passionate about the representative work he carries out in the Parish, and can be very persistent when enquiring or questioning, but I did not consider he was being offensive in any way.

Subsequent to this event, I did find it unusual that all long standing sub committees of NPC were dissolved, except Planning and P3, and a new single committee elected to encompass all previous committees, Finance and General Purposes Committee. I noted that Cllr Robinson was the only member not elected to this all encompassing committee, even though he was elected democratically by parishioners to help fulfill their needs in the Parish. This, of course, means he is unable to represent between parishioners and Councilors when the F and GP Committee are in session.

More to the point, parishioners have not yet been informed who will represent particular interest for the new Committee, especially the now defunct Highways and Open Spaces which is very relevant to this parish.

Sincerely, Mrs Jill Parker, Upper Caldecote. 18th October 2013.

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To whom this may concern –

I have been advised that a formal complaint has been levelled at Cllr. Ian Robinson, from a Northill Parish Council meeting.

At the meeting the villagers of Upper Caldecote were afforded a mere three minutes to make their representation against the plans proposed for affordable housing at an earlier meeting on 8th April 2013.

My observations are these – The Chair allowed the secretary to run the meeting, which in any forum is not the role of secretary. The role of secretary is to record the minutes and keep quiet or advise the Chair accordingly so that relevant issues may be discussed. Never before in all my experience in business has this ever been allowed to happen. The overriding impression is that the secretary had ideas above her station and not least a complete lack of interest in our case, probably borne out of whole disinterest as not least she is a resident of Gamlingay and quite frankly doesn't give a 'damn' about Upper Caldecote, as she, personally, will not be affected!!!!

The most frustrating aspect of my impression is that the Chair sat there as if a 'dummy' with no input whatsoever.

Due to the very nature of the apparently foregone conclusion of the outcome, our spokesperson naturally became somewhat frustrated, especially at the running of the meeting by a mere secretary!! Yes I am happy to demean her role!

Agreed Cllr. Robinson did gesticulate at which point the Secretary, I suggest, had met her intellectual superior could not 'stand the heat', leading her to walk out.

The over-riding impression of this whole debacle is that the committee had in all probability reached their intended outcome in private forum and were merely paying lip service to an alleged public enquiry which was no more than a sop to the affected residents!

We are sympathetic to the need for 'affordable housing' and have suggested that there are better processes to complete the aim. But No – Your committee have made their mind up, from which we have to ask why, not least as you have already decided the contractor.

Jean Cordy.

Mrs Cordy can verify this letter
on the day of the hearing 29/30 Sept 14

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From: [REDACTED]
To: D ROBINSON <d.robinson572@btinternet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013, 21:30
Subject: RE: Adjourned Council Meeting

Hi Ian,

[REDACTED] here on [REDACTED] e-mail. I am proposing to send the below e-mail to yourself, David Milton and Helen but NOT the Clerk directly as she is being criticised in it (note: that would be harassment!) and ask it to be forwarded to Kay. I can't send it directly to Kay because he has blocked me on e-mail apparently.

Message begins:

I have the permission of Cllr Robinson to read your e-mail and make my response to it. You may check with Cllr Robinson. As a Councillor of good standing you will acknowledge my right as a tax paying parishioner to voice my concerns as I see fit.

Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear Councillor Kay - this is just another incident where I feel you, and possibly the rest of the councillors have completely misread or misunderstood the public you represent.

The larger than average crowd were at the meeting to support Councillor Robinson and were heckling the council for various shortcomings. It was not councillor Robinson that has brought the council into disrepute - on the contrary it was the way the Chairman, Clerk and other members of the council behaved by acting as they have that has brought a feeling of no confidence in the Parish council and has brought itself into disrepute. Many onlookers were appalled at the chairman for not chairing the meeting and astonished that the clerk seems to call the shots in certain discussions!

It is not councillor Robinson that needs to apologise but the rest of the council for their conduct at this and many other previous meetings. I can assure you that Councillor Robinson has the backing of a great many people in the Parish - many of whom witnessed the shambles on Monday night. It has been an eye opener for many reasons:

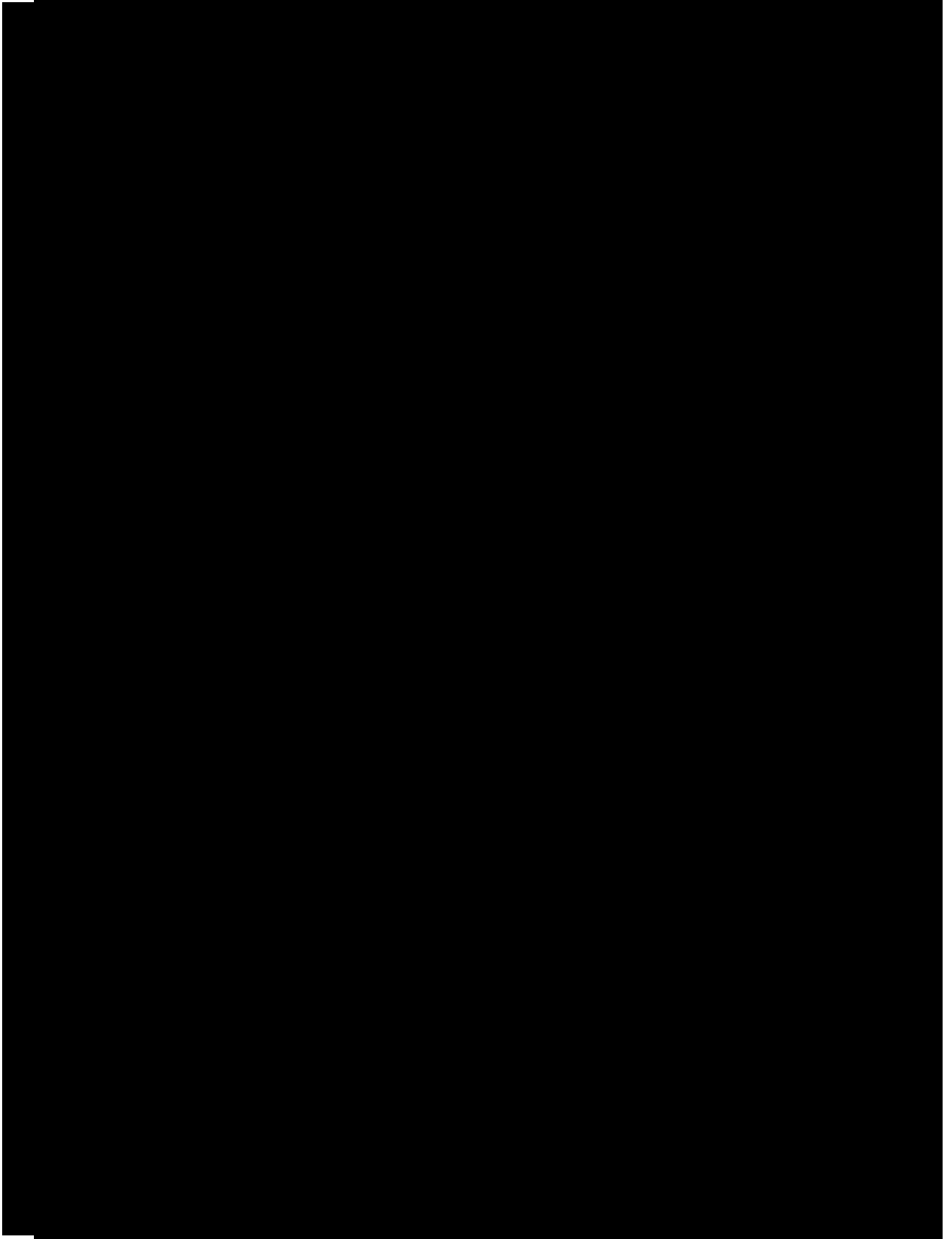
- The Clerk waving her fingers at a councillor is a sight many have not seen before. This is instigating a confrontation. A Clerk should give professional, impartial legal advice and take down minutes. If the Clerk gets upset at a situation of her own making and leaves the room, how can the public have confidence in her ability to impartially continue her role at Northill Parish?
- Cllr Dawson asking Cllr Robinson to control himself - a complete breach of meeting protocol. It is Cllr Dawson who should be apologising to Cllr Robinson.
- Cllr Momen getting upset that she had raised her hand to respond to Cllr Robinson for some considerable time - when she should have been directing her frustration at the Chairman for not doing his job.

I do not know if your comments in your e-mail were intentionally sycophantic towards Cllr Milton, but you come across as someone eager to please him, at your own expense of looking out of touch to those who supported Cllr Robinson.

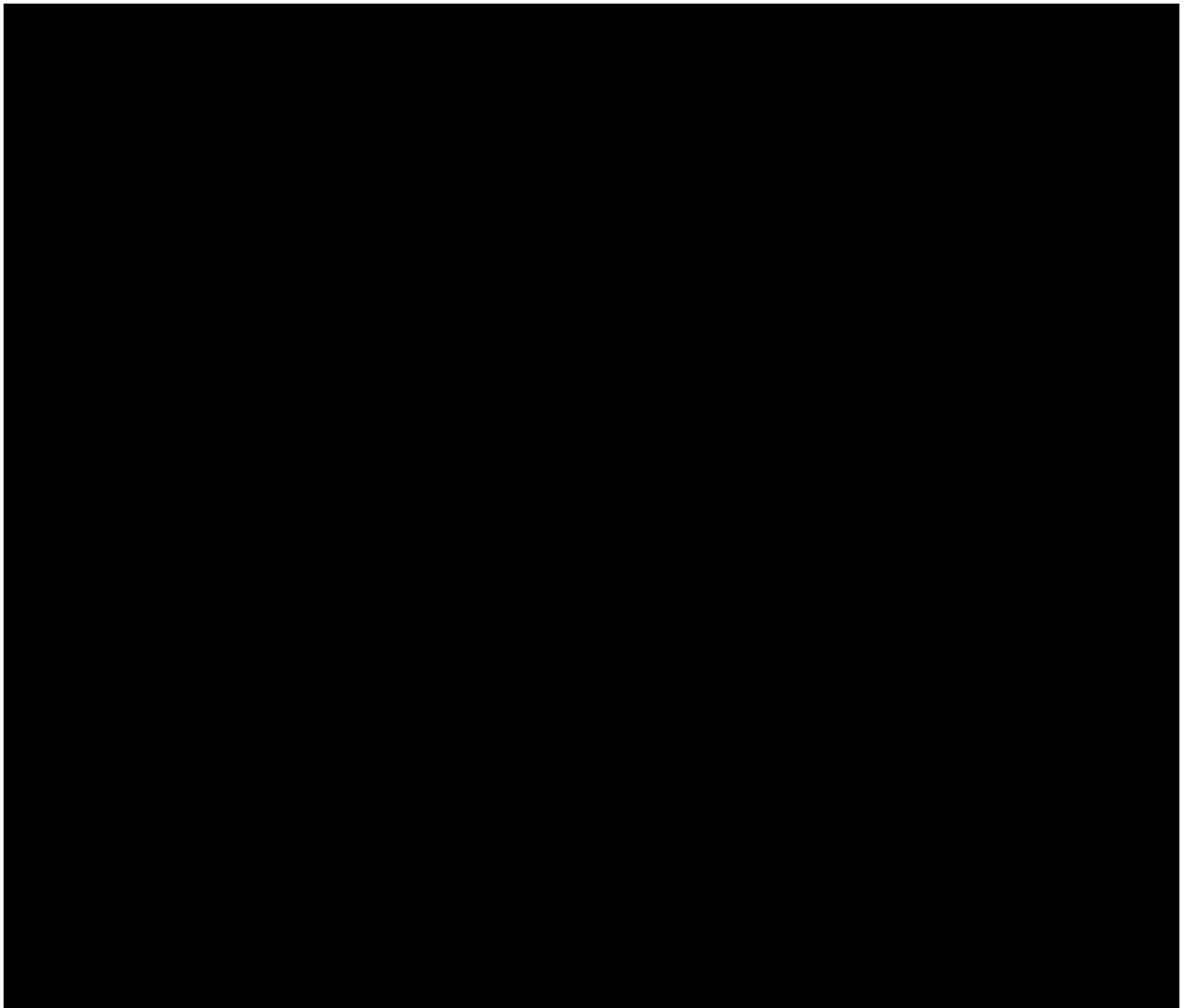
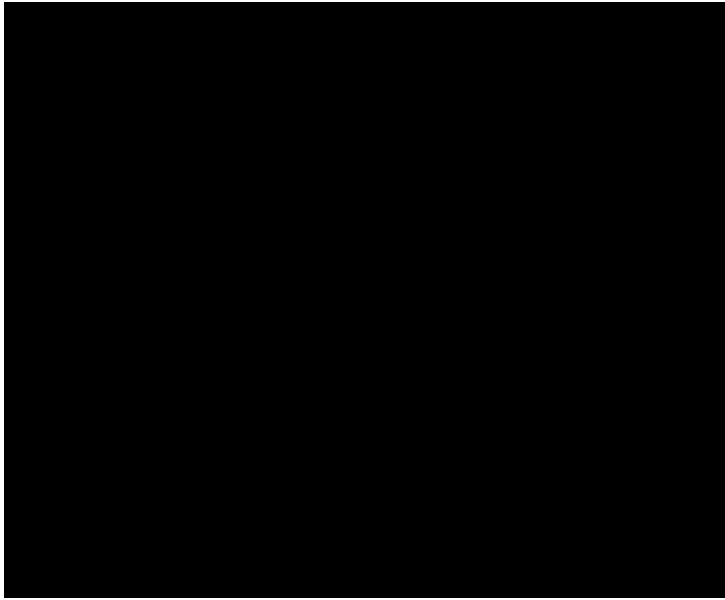
There is only one failure at the meeting, the failure to control and chair the meeting to avoid its collapse, a failure that is certainly not the fault of possibly the most popular, hard working and well meaning Councillor that Northill Parish has seen for some considerable time. For clarity I mean Cllr Robinson, not Cllr Milton. Or you.

Your e-mail appears harrasing and bullying towards Cllr Robinson. I trust you will be sending Cllr Robinson an apology - perhaps with flowers? Ian loves thorny Scottish thistles.

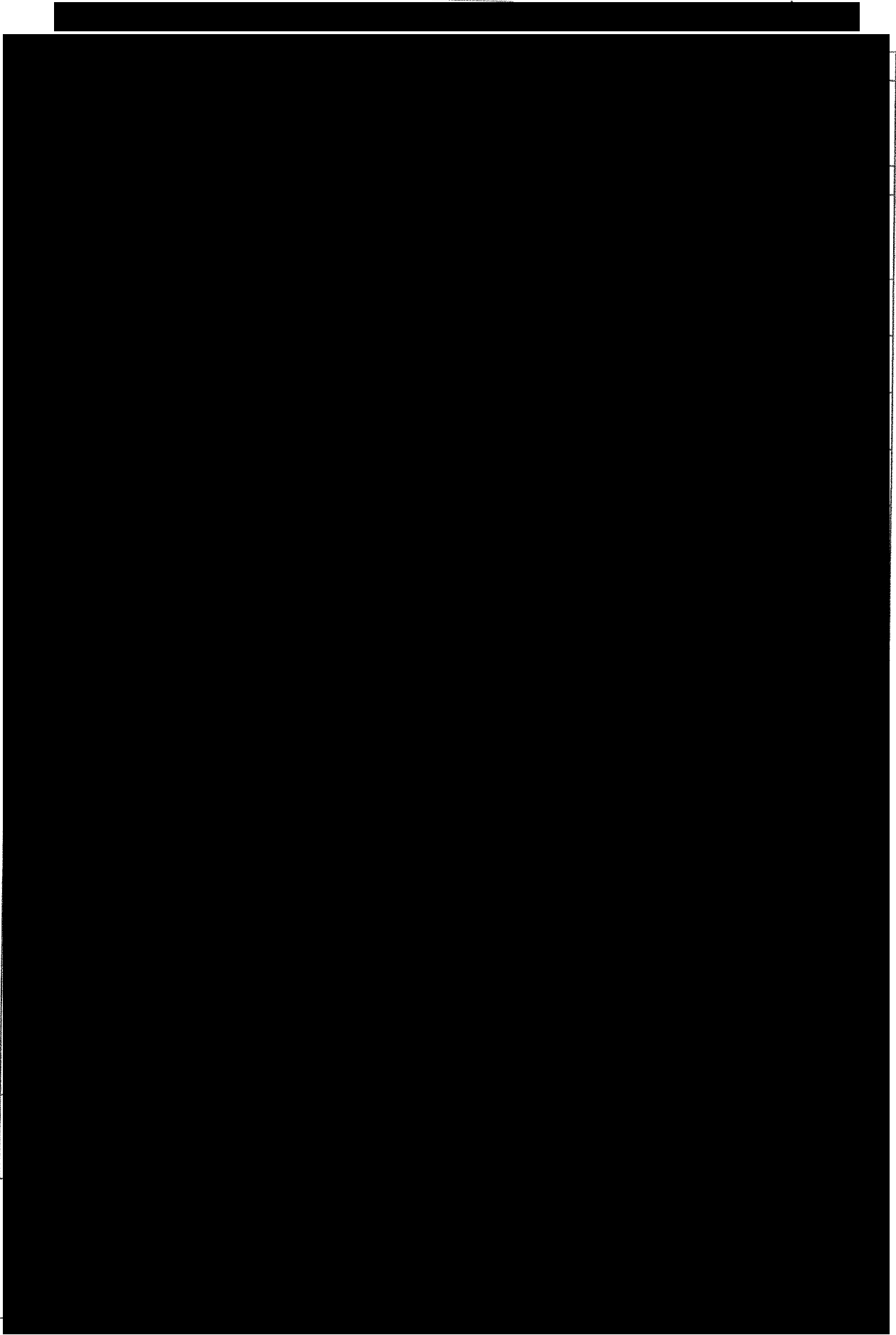
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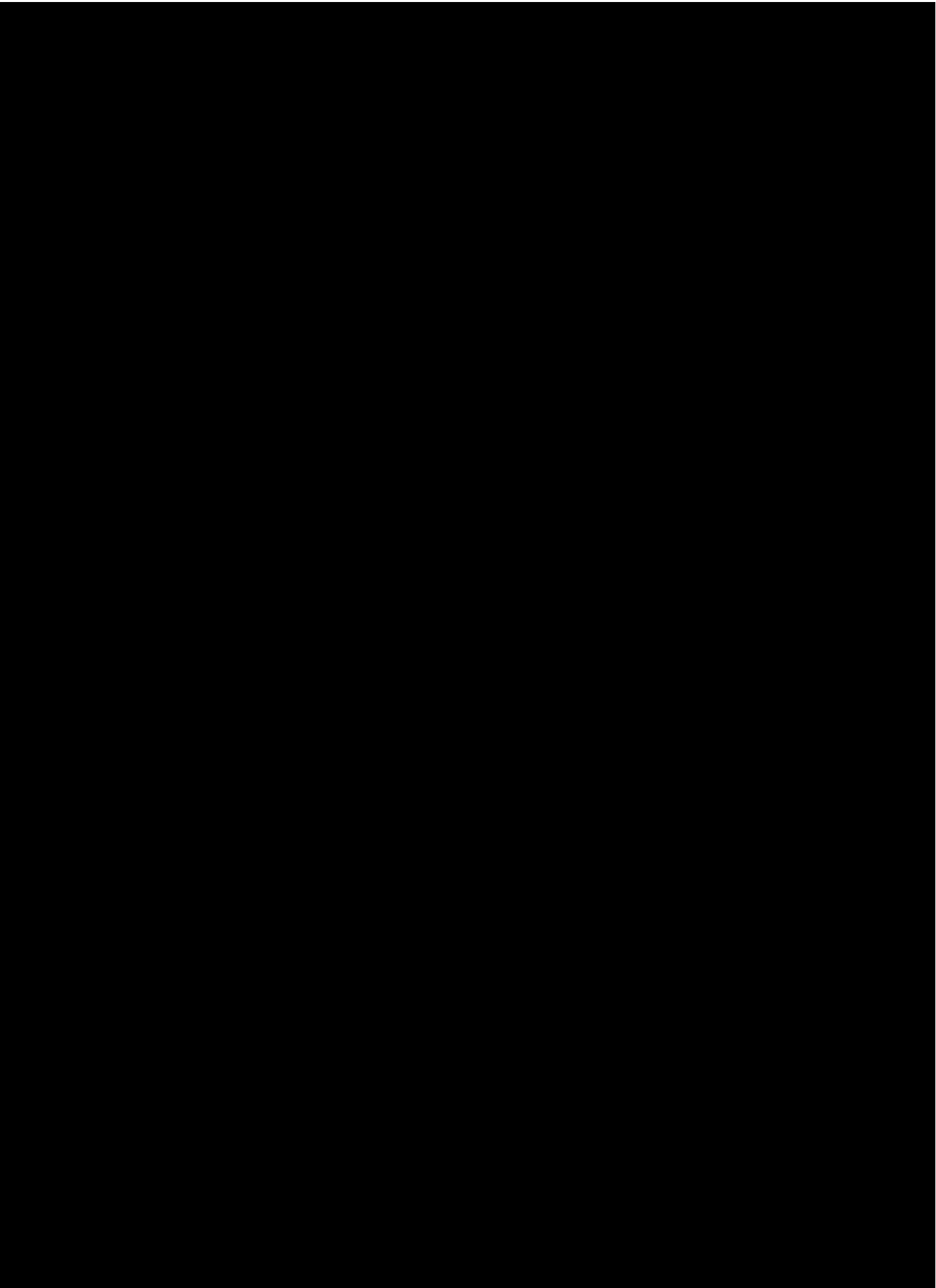
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at Caldecote Church Rooms on Monday 25th March 2013 at 7.00pm

In attendance: A Wild (Chair), W Momen, T Dawson, K Bennett, R Brinkley (deputy for W Momen, not voting), S Mandley, D Milton and H Papworth (ex officio). Clerk L Bacon, District Councillor T Turner and 12 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence. None.
2. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None – all councillors have been granted a dispensation to discuss and vote on all applications in the parish.
- 2.1 To receive any written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.
- 2.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

3. Open forum for 10 minutes to allow members of the public to speak on any agenda item. J Goodwin – asked for clarification on applicant and meaning of “affordable housing”. Clerk explained that application proposed provision of shared ownership/affordable rental properties of different sizes and styles. Applicant is Grand Union Housing (part of Aragon). *Social HOUSING*

I Robinson – Made a statement copied to CBC expressing support for concept of affordable housing in the parish but outlining his reservations about this site due to isolation from village amenities, additional demands on water supply and inadequacy of foul water drainage, safety concerns at the site entrance due to speeding traffic on Biggleswade Road and under occupancy of other affordable housing site (Chantry Piece) in the parish. He urged CBC to reconsider the Ickwell Rd site in preference.

Mr and Mrs Randal – echoed Mr Robinson’s comments and added that the ecological survey was inadequate and inaccurate, that there is a dangerous sump to the rear of the site and that the photographs provided with the application do not illustrate the danger of a bend in Biggleswade Rd near the site entrance. Mr Randal raised concerns relating to the planning history of the site, pointing out that previously the site had been proposed by the landowner for more extensive housing development.

Mrs Parker – agreed with the comments made above.

Mr Smith – also in agreement and pointed out that drainage problems on Biggleswade Rd extend to numbers 106/109.

Mr Goodwin – Agrees with the above, particularly that speeding needs to be addressed, that drainage problems are a key consideration and pointing out that Biggleswade Road is not gritted. Previous communications he has had with Anglian water indicate that the local pumping station is already working to capacity.

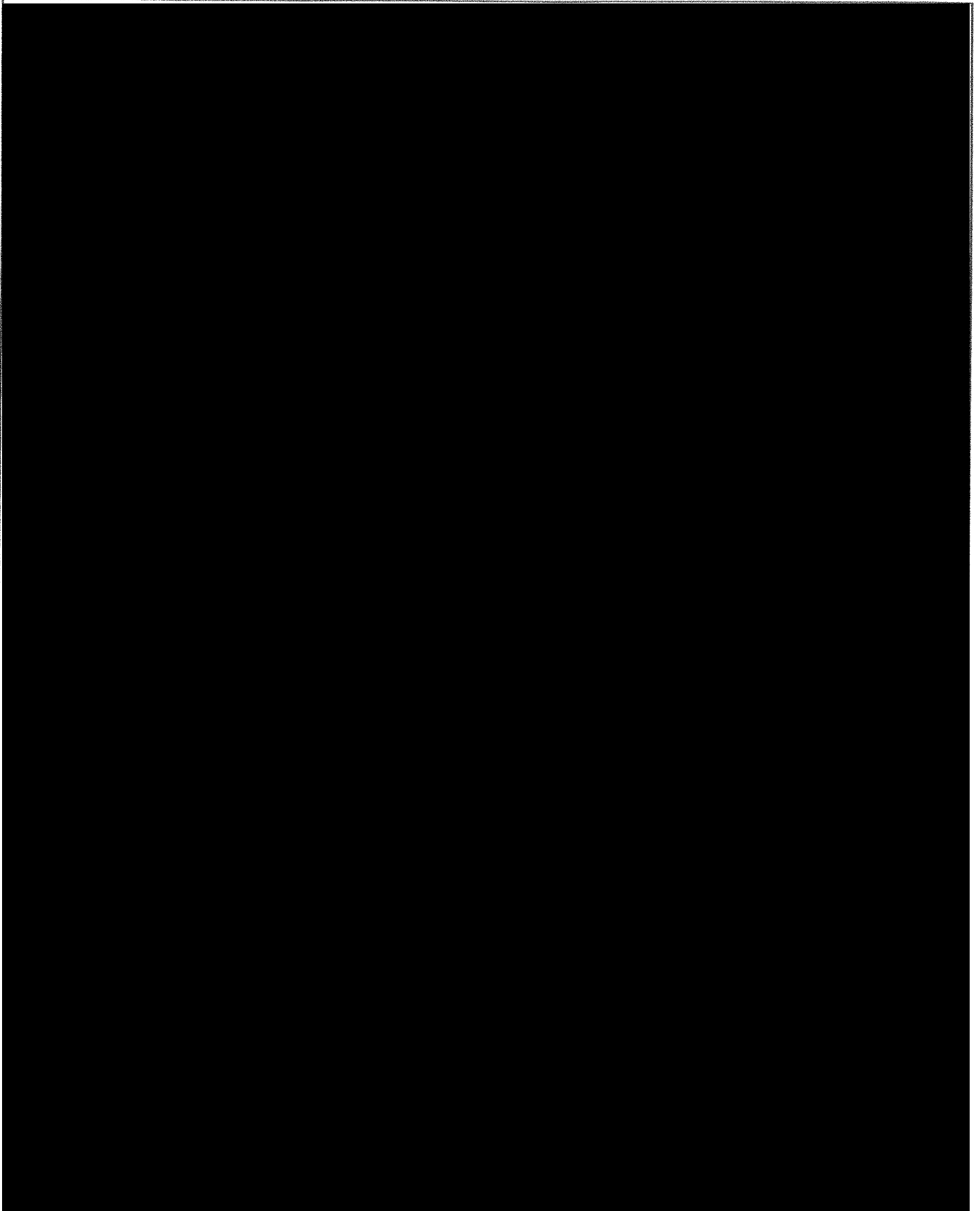
Mrs Webb – offered information that the delay on progressing the Ickwell Rd site may be due to disagreement about the sale of the land.

I Robinson considered that insufficient public consultation had taken place and that meetings were not adequately advertised, hence the low level of response. Complaints were made about CBC procedures - the lack of regular updates on the CBC website, immediate neighbours were not notified of the application and that notices for the diversion of the footpath were placed incorrectly.

Chair thanked all those who had contributed. Clerk pointed out that one further objection had been received by this committee. Item 6 was brought forward.

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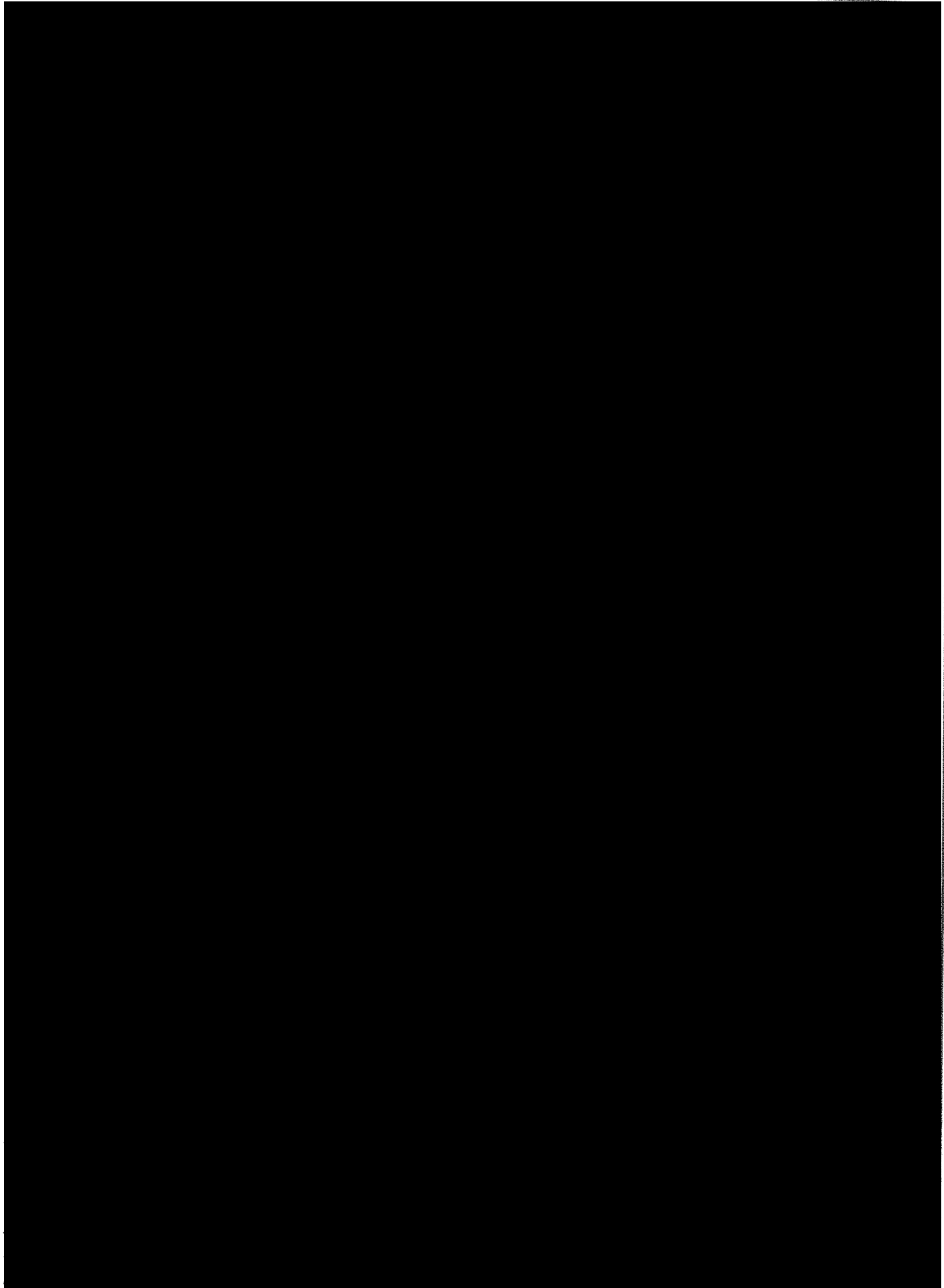
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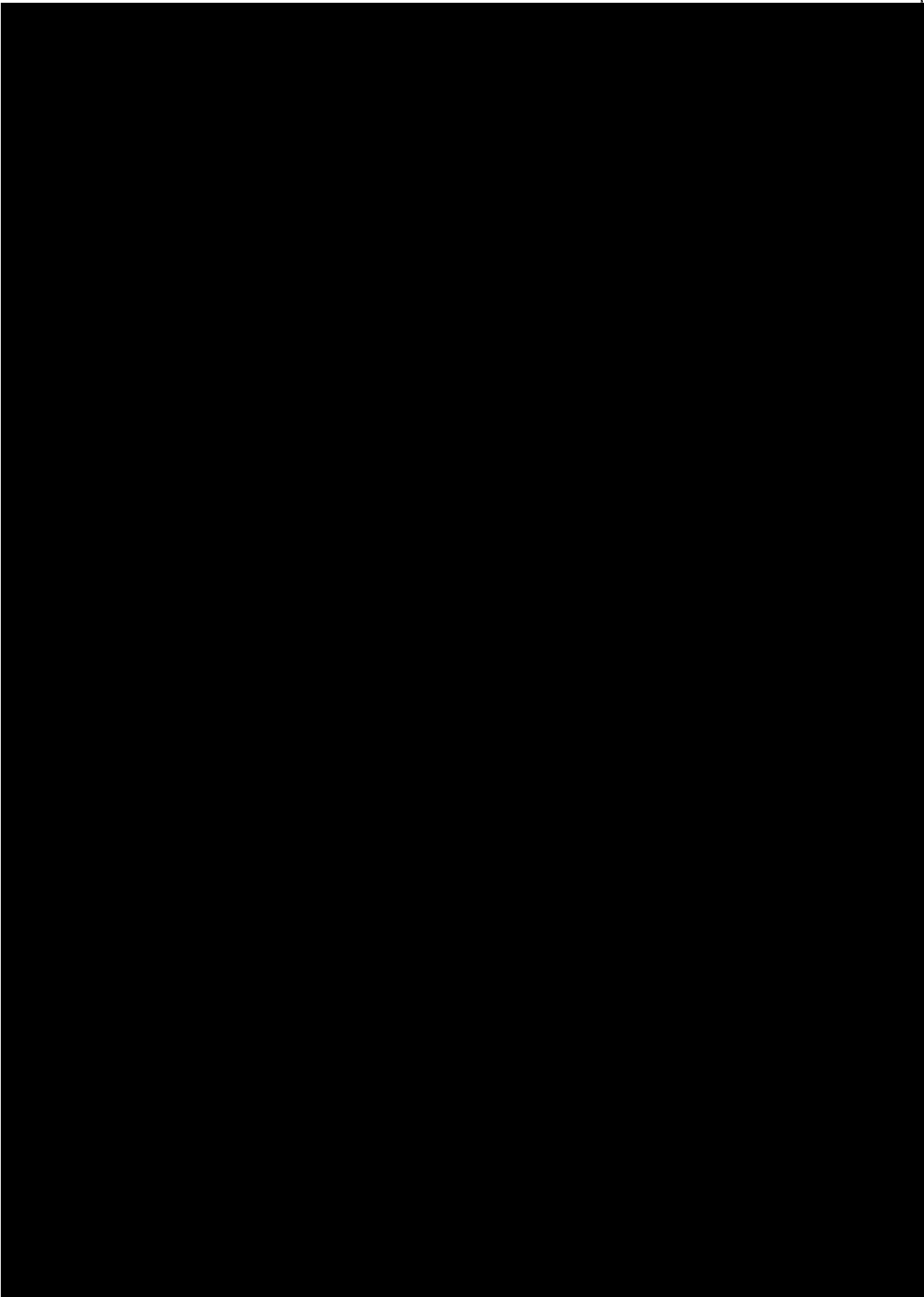
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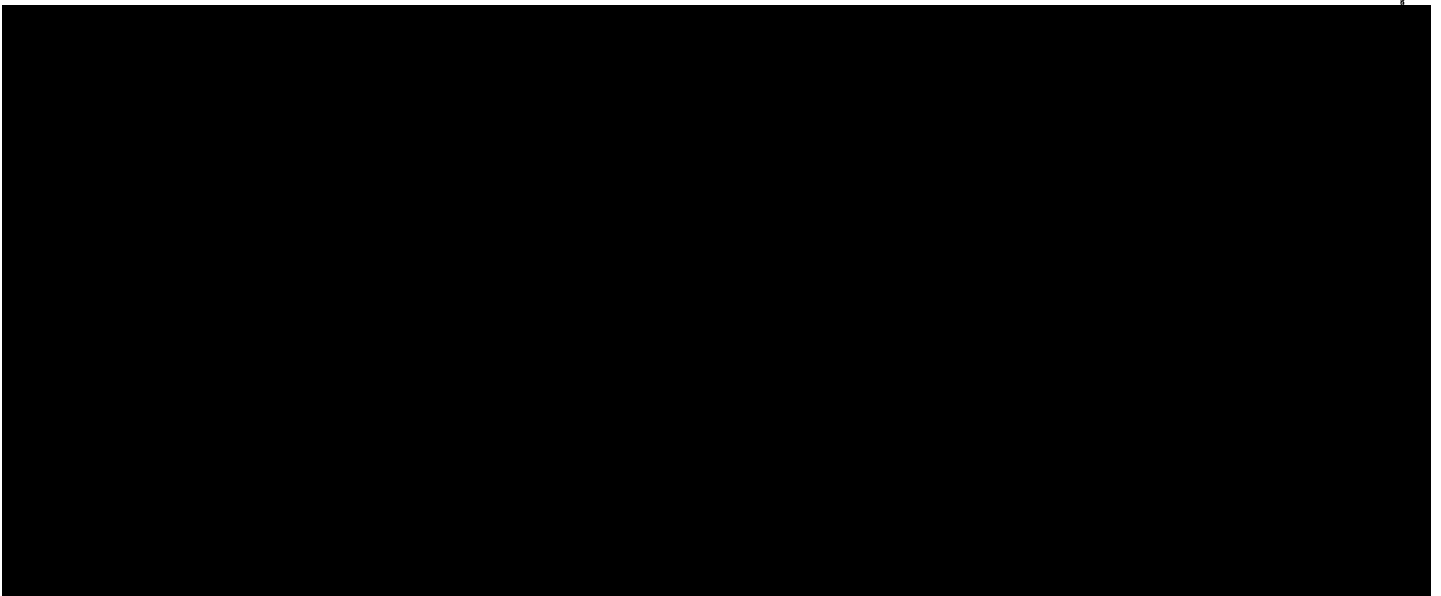
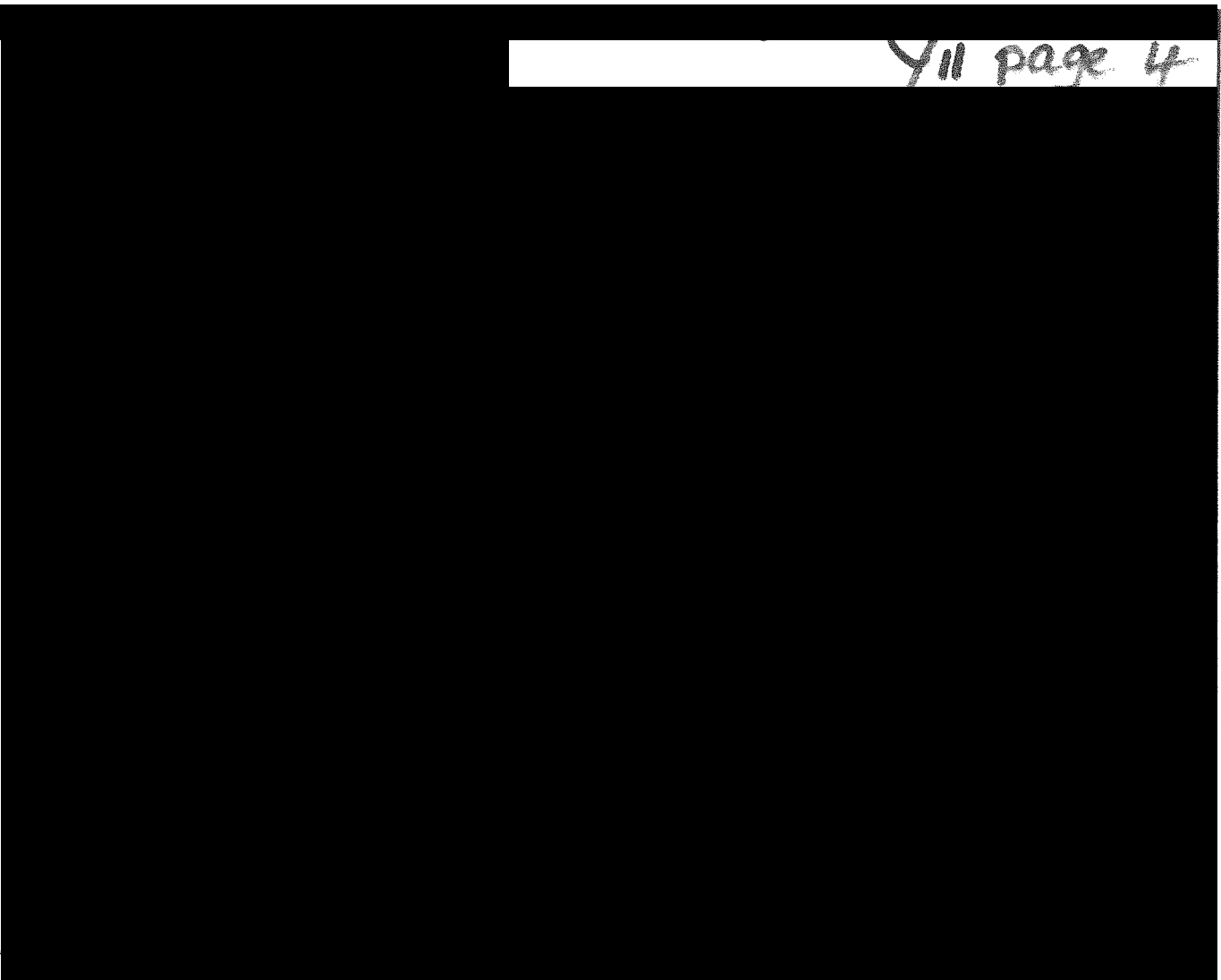


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Subject: RE: APM 31st March 2014
From: parishclerk (parishclerk@northhillparish.co.uk)
To: d.robinson572@btinternet.com;

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Date: Tuesday, 1 April 2014, 11:42

Mr Robinson,

You attended last night's Annual Parish Meeting as a member of the public, but other members of the public in attendance were well aware that you are also a parish councillor.

I am sorry to have to tell you that I think you may have some memory problems. This would explain the fact that you frequently say you can't remember matters that have been discussed at Council (of which you are a member), don't remember seeing documents that were circulated to you in your Council pack and forget the advice within the Good Councillors Guide (which you have said you have read) on numerous occasions.

This forgetfulness often means you ask irrelevant questions, causing time wasting and frequent breaches of the Code of Conduct.

I understand you feel you are trying to demonstrate to members of the public that you are pursuing their issues, but in fact, your confusion about Council matters means that you are in danger of bringing the Council into disrepute.

You publicly say that you fundamentally disagree with many of Council's decisions. If you do not feel able to support collective decision making or abide by the code of conduct and/or are finding it difficult to remember Council matters and procedures, I suggest you should consider your position as a Councillor.

Kind regards,

Leanne Bacon

Parish Clerk and RFO - Northhill Parish Council

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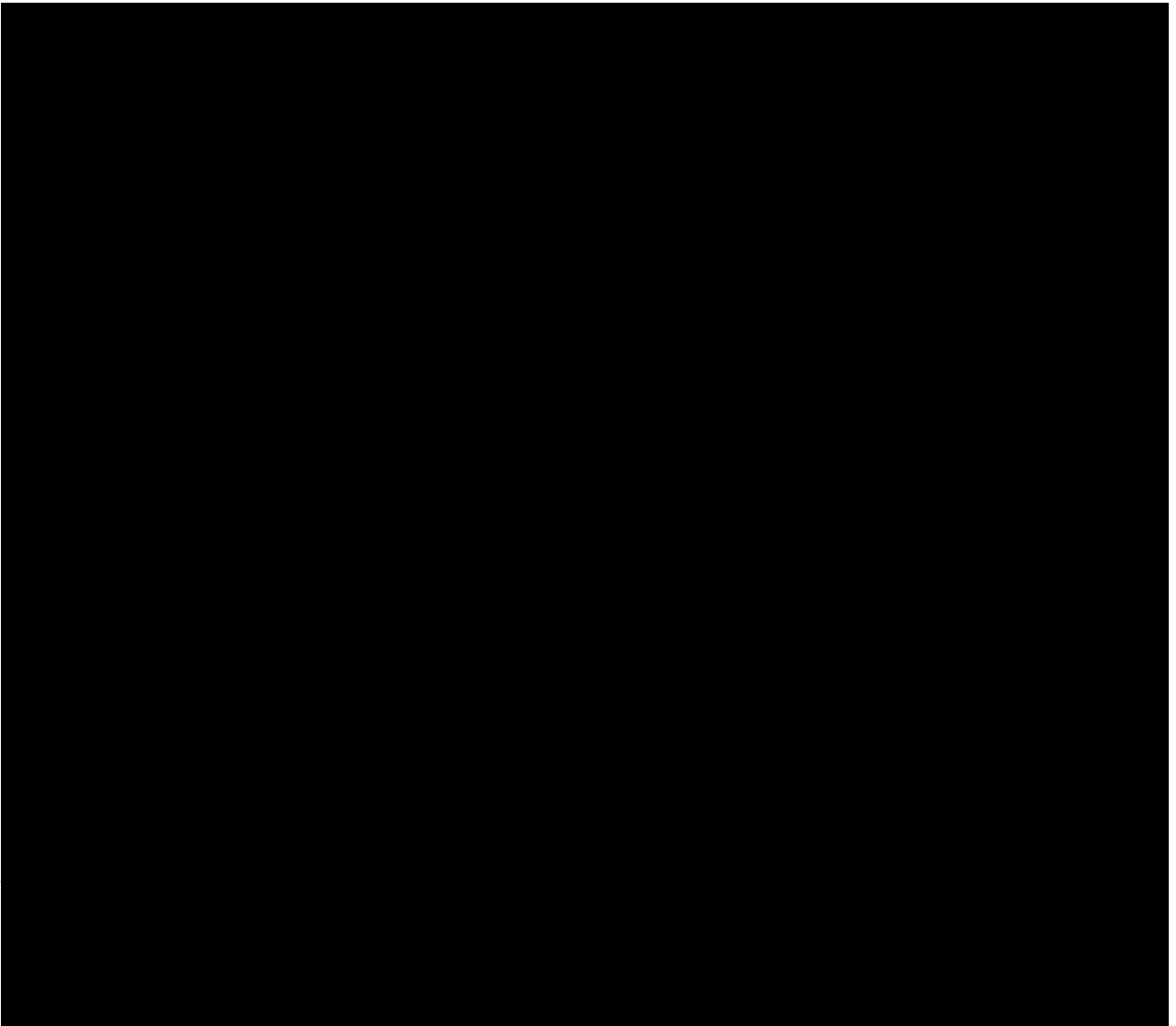
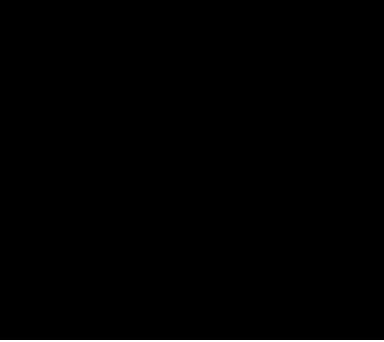
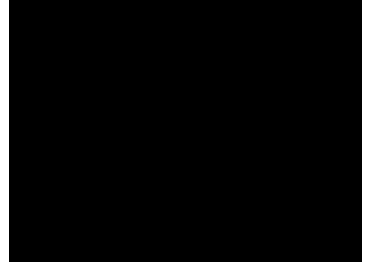
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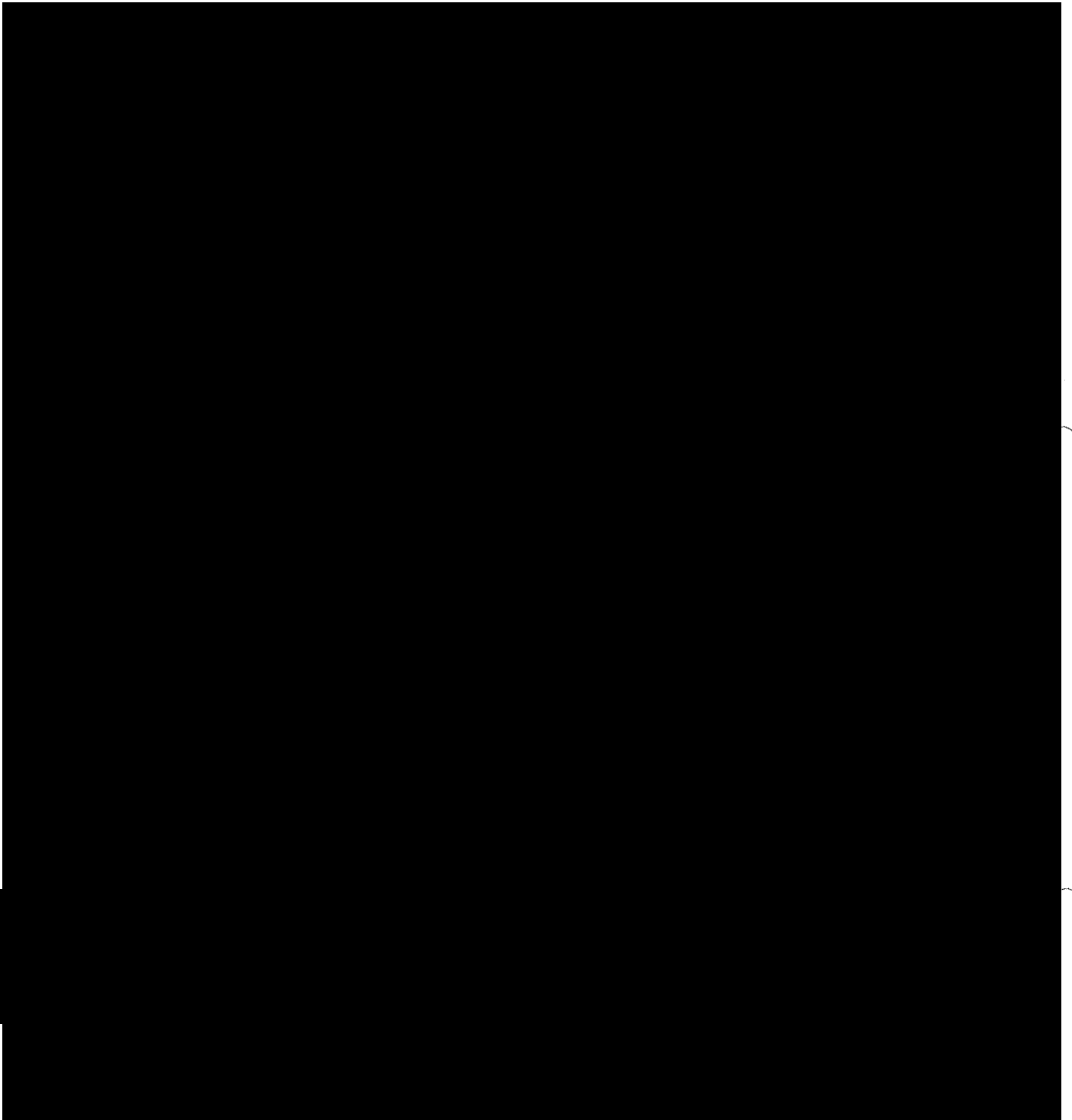
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent date: 05/09/2014 - 23:08
To: d.robinson572@btinternet.com
Subject: Fwd: Neils Question about account balances at the APM

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From : [REDACTED]
Date : 05/09/2014 - 11:27 (GMTDT)
To : d.robinson572@btinternet.com
Subject : Neils Question about account balances at the APM 31/3/14

Ian,

Both [REDACTED] and I were at this meeting and were witnesses to this.

We have checked our notes and we do confirm that Neil asked for the value of the reserve funds and balances of the other accounts. Clerk replied back with only the balance of the reserve fund and did not mention any other accounts. When [REDACTED] cross examined the clerk about how much money NPC had - he asked for an approximate balance of all accounts and clerk said she was not prepared to give out the information as she was not sure - [REDACTED] then pressed on and asked if it was a 5 or 6 figure sum and she was still not prepared to answer.

In addition, we confirm that Cllr Robinson was called a Pratt twice by Cllr Dawson during the meeting.

I hope this helps.

[REDACTED]

I, Neil Campbell confirm that I attended the APM on the 31st March 2014 and the contents of the above email from [REDACTED] are correct. I am not available to attend Cllr Robinson's hearing due to work commitments but am willing to provide evidence on his behalf at a later date should this be required.