

## **Appendix B**

### **Written Witness Statement from Graham Reeves**

Firstly let me say that I cannot add to or detract from the evidence the Panel has concerning Roger's alleged comments regarding Martyn Sheppard's application to Burghfield Parish Council for grant aid for the purchase of a "Chairman "car. I knew about the application and about Roger's alleged comments but only from phone conversations with Martyn.

Secondly I would echo Martyn's praise for the time and effort Roger willingly contributed to local community transport, both for Martyn's organisation and mine (Carebus) and for the excellent rapport he had with the passengers he carried.

Thirdly I have to say that in my experience of Roger's work for Carebus he was always, I am sorry to say, rather cavalier and dismissive in response to management efforts to regulate his work. This was always particularly difficult related to journey records and vehicle damage reports. I can fully understand therefore that when the new Handybuses arrived this year and Paul Hyde in West Berkshire Council's Transport Team lectured everyone about controlling the reporting and repair of damage, that Martyn felt that he had to "bite the bullet" and confront Roger.

Lastly I have to record that Roger wanted to continue to work with my group (Carebus) after resigning from Martyn's group, but that in view of the above I told him that would not be possible. This resulted in me receiving emails of the same nature as those obviously received by Martyn, the last of which suggested that I should rename Carebus Volunteer Group as DON'T Carebus Volunteer Group. I am afraid I did not keep copies, but they did not contain reference to the Burghfield Parish Council issue.