
Carrot

James Spackman <jamesspackman@hotmail.com>

3 October 2016 at 10:35

To: Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

Cc: ELLIOT WRIGHT <elliott.wright23@gmail.com>, eve burke <eveandpaul@hotmail.com>, Jack Lovell <jack.lovell@monksmead.co.uk>, fineartdogs <chalek9@freegratis.net>, malcolmlarge <malcolmlarge@btinternet.com>, Steve Brady <woolhamptonparishcouncil@hotmail.com>

Mr Renouf,

as you have been made aware that it became mandatory from 1st July 2015 to publish (among the other criteria listed by NALC) accurate and up-to-date information on membership of the Parish Council, please will you confirm when Eve Burke resigned as a councillor?

<http://www.woolhamptonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

I have not been informed that she had and she gave no indication that this was her intention at the last meeting in September, so I must say that it is sad and shocking to have lost her contributions so soon and unexpectedly after the successful Scarecrow Hunt. Do you know what reason(s) she gave?

You also state that "one councillor has serially breached The Nolan Principles" - I can find no published information from WBC Standards Committee to support this assertion, therefore please can you explain which councillor you are referring to?

Are the two linked?

James Spackman

From: parenouf@googlemail.com <parenouf@googlemail.com> on behalf of Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

Sent: 02 October 2016 17:21

To: James Spackman

Cc: ELLIOT WRIGHT; eve burke; Jack Lovell; fineartdogs; malcolmlarge; Steve Brady

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Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

3 October 2016 at 11:48

To: James Spackman <jamesspackman@hotmail.com>

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Dear All

Having just spoken to Eve I am delighted to confirm that news of her resignation is somewhat premature.

The councillor who has serially breached the principle of Honesty and Integrity is James. As you will recall I took the view that making a complaint would achieve nothing but considerable public expense which is why there is no public record other than in our minutes.

Regards
Tony

[Quoted text hidden]

Woolhampton Parish Council

eve burke <eveandpaul@hotmail.com>

3 October 2016 at 23:48

To: Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

Cc: Elliot <elliot.wright23@gmail.com>, Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>, Jack Lovell <jack.lovell@monksmead.co.uk>, fineartdogs <chalek9@freegratis.net>, malcolmlarge <malcolmlarge@btinternet.com>, Steve Brady <woolhamptonparishcouncil@hotmail.com>, James Spackman <jamesspackman@hotmail.com>

Dear All

I've changed the subject heading to WPC rather than 'carrot' as it seems more appropriate for our correspondence.

I am saddened that the merry go round of emails has started again. I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed the past month. I could focus on organising a positive community event and I felt that I was participating in a voluntary movement - the PC, that would benefit the local community where I live & raise my children (the main reasons I chose to be involved).

I feel drained reading the fifteen or so emails that cover the same ground & which raise issues that have already been addressed. I see no benefit whatsoever to the Parish Council by having this exchange of emails.

Personally, I find it extremely unnecessary that my name has been dragged into this tiresome email exchange with the declaration of my supposed resignation & the question that this resignation was linked to a breach of 'The Nolan Principles'.

As the newest member of the PC, I struggle to understand how a fellow councillor could write such words without the thought of the upset these words would cause to me, how offensive the suggestion was & how there was no apology when our Chair corrected the facts.

I telephone our Chair today, to say that I hadn't resigned (bizarre!) & that I didn't wish to be drawn into this negative exchange yet here I am sending this email.

The reason being so, after reading the latest email, I feel that the accusations will only escalate & the tension that this is causing, will only cause further damage to our very small already fragmented committee.

I'd like to propose that we no longer send emails unless there of paramount importance and that any issues that we feel need to be addressed, are discussed in full at our next meeting - I won't stipulate where these items need to be on the agenda. As my wonderful Nana used to say, 'There is no need to split hairs!'

I would like to thank Tony, for his words of support today & Elliot too. I have huge confidence in both of you & I'm very much aware of how much work you've both put in organising 'Race Night'. I'm sure that this is going to be a great village event & will easily raise the funds for the village defibrillator. What a fantastic cause for the PC to focus on & how important it is that we are able to host events such as this.

To end on a positive note, I'm looking forward to Friday & I'm hopeful, that I can pick some winners. Have you thought about having a gamble Jack? It could help you with the last bit of your fundraising!

How wonderful it is, that we have all of this voluntary work going on...

Kind regards

Eve

Woolhampton Parish Council

James Spackman <jamesspackman@hotmail.com>

5 October 2016 at 13:07

To: Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

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Dear All,

a majority of members have now stated their opposition to the governance standards formally consented to by Woolhampton Parish Council on 30th June.

This would normally trigger a motion of 'no confidence' in the Chair, but as it is the Chair and Vice-chair who have led the opposition to their own leadership, and the council recently voted in favour of a motion to support the Chair, clear direction will only be achieved by escalating the matter.

NB Cllr Burke's name is still listed as 'Vacancy'. If this record is not accurate, it is also not up-to-date.

I also do not recall that Cllr Burke asked to attend the training session being held in Grazeley tonight, so please will the Chair confirm which members have completed the Induction Plan we are required to follow upon joining the council?

James Spackman

From: parenouf@googlemail.com <parenouf@googlemail.com> on behalf of Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

Sent: 04 October 2016 13:00

To: James Spackman

Cc: Elliot; eve burke; Jack Lovell; fineartdogs; malcolmlarge; Steve Brady

Subject: Re: Carrot

Dear All

I believe this is a deliberately loaded question and I recommend that it is best ignored.

Spackman

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Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

5 October 2016 at 14:17

To: "elliot.wright23" <elliot.wright23@gmail.com>, eve burke <eveandpaul@hotmail.com>, Jack Lovell <jack.lovell@monksmead.co.uk>, malcolmlarge <malcolmlarge@btinternet.com>, fineartdogs <chalek9@freegratis.net>

Dear All

Steve is working hard to 'close down' James as we can't rid ourselves of him.

His latest email is deliberately provocative and irrational. I would urge you all not to respond to him directly. Should we wish to make contact between ourselves I recommend that from now he should not be included.

On behalf of the rest of us I would like to apologise to you, Eve, as you have been quite unnecessarily involved in what is really a personal vendetta against me and now Elliot.

Take heart because *those whom the gods wish to destroy they first send mad.*

Regards
Tony

eve burke <eveandpaul@hotmail.com>

5 October 2016 at 19:01

To: Tony Renouf <tony@renouf.me.uk>

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Thank you for the email Tony. I agree that JS is being deliberately provocative with his choice of words & I will not be responding to any of his emails.

There is no need for you to apologise although the gesture is thoughtful. I do feel that James has singled out my joining the PC, as a good opportunity for him to criticise the Chair & Vice Chair.

I recall how he reacted when I came along to the first meeting - he made me feel very unwelcome by questioning the correct procedure of my wish to join the PC, whether the post had been advertised etc. He then made a fuss via email over my lack of designated role despite me expressing the wish that I didn't want a designated role! It's now my resignation (!), my details on the website & my training & what conversation I've had about it.

I find all of this extremely uncomfortable & I'm unsure how to respond to him as I don't wish to be drawn into his drama.

I have no objection to any fellow councillor enquiring about any possible training that I may do but I do object to JS using this as a way to attack the PC.

It's a very unfortunate situation!

Kind regards

Eve

- (d) Woolhampton Hill, road surface small holes, north of Victor Place; the Clerk advised that WBC have advised that they will inspect this area of highway.
- (e) S106 monies allocation to Douai Park; The Clerk advised that this was on-going.
- (f) Over flowing bin (Woolhampton Canal); the Clerk advised that he was in discussion with the Canal Trust.
- (g) Potential monthly 'Friday Youth Club'; the Clerk advised that WBC had not responded to his information request.
- (h) Scarecrow Hunt; the Clerk apologised to Councillor Mrs E. Burke as he had been unable to upload the promotional literature to the website. Following a discussion it was noted that the event had been a big success and that more people wanted to take part in 2017, should the event be held. The Chairman Councillor Mr T. Renouf thanked Councillor Mrs E. Burke for her efforts and for putting on a well received and successful event.
- (i) WBC Devolution Agenda; WBC Chief Executive is to attend the November meeting.
- (j) Planning Training – Brimpton PC; Both the Clerk and Councillor Mr J. Spackman had attended the training session. Both confirmed that it was a useful training event. The Clerk agreed to forward the presentation slides used at the training session to all members.
- (k) Website; The Clerk recognised that the website was in need of updating and that he required further training to assist with this. He advised that he had received a quote from the web-designer regarding the re-engineering of the site, training and website support / back up. The quote totalled £635.00 net. Following a discussion the payment was approved and the Clerk was asked to liaise with the web-designer in order to ensure that the website was updated as soon as possible. The Clerk advised the meeting that Councillor Mr J. Spackman had forwarded details of the grant available to help Parish Councils meet the costs of the Transparency Code. There followed a discussion as to areas that the grant covered. The Clerk advised that the next date for grant applications was 19 October 2016, and that he aimed to submit an application by this time on behalf of the Parish Council.

646.5 PLANNING

(a) Planning Applications

APPLICATION NO:	16/02208/FUL
APPLICANT	Mr S. Ingis
LOCATION	Elstree School, Woolhampton
PROPOSAL	Minor external and internal changes to the exiting Art and Music Departments
DECISION	Support
APPLICATION NO:	16/02211/LBC2
APPLICANT	Mr S. Ingis
LOCATION	Elstree School, Woolhampton
PROPOSAL	Minor external and internal changes to the exiting Art and Music Departments
DECISION	Support
APPLICATION NO:	16/02027/FUL
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs Vaughan-Fowler
LOCATION	Kennet Side, Station Road, Woolhampton
PROPOSAL	Demolition of existing dwelling and 4no outbuilding and construction of replacement dwelling and car port building with home office. Renovation of existing brick built boundary outbuilding to canal path for use as a garden store and extension of northern boundary brick wall.
DECISION	Support

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