

## Jim Fieldsend

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**From:** Stephen Wainwright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2023 11:40  
**To:** Jim Fieldsend  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint

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Jim

Here we go round the circle, I agree an apology would solve everything but I'm sure we will need a hearing

Steve Wainwright

On 12 Jun 2023, at 08:53, Jim Fieldsend <Jim.Fieldsend@bolsover.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Steve

Further to the emails in April concerning a Facebook post by a Clowne Parish Councillor. I now attach a copy of the Investigating Officer's report which has found that there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct.

I consider that the content of the Facebook message is so disrespectful as to justify referring the matter to a Standards Hearing. Having said that I would be prepared to accept the Investigating Officer's recommendation of an apology from the councillor and training on the use of social media. The councillor has not yet engaged with the process and I suspect that he won't engage from this point. Nevertheless I would like to give him an opportunity to accept that his conduct was unacceptable.

Can you let me have your view on this.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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**From:** Stephen Wainwright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 April 2023 16:15  
**To:** Jim Fieldsend <Jim.Fieldsend@bolsover.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint

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Jim

I have read the complain and also the facebook snaps that you have sent me, the worst thing invented, but your right there seems to be some animosity between the parties and I can see where there would be a clear

coection with the councilor saying what they did and it being aimed directly at other councilors within the group

Steve

On Apr 11, 2023, at 3:47 PM, Jim Fieldsend <[Jim.Fieldsend@bolsover.gov.uk](mailto:Jim.Fieldsend@bolsover.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hi Stephen,

I hope you are well,

I have received a complaint from 3 Clowne Parish Councillors about a Facebook message posted by another Parish Councillor- Cllr Ross Walker. The post is on page 3 of the attached letter of complaint. You will note that he refers to an unnamed female as a "witch" and "a narcissit bitch". He does not name the councillor however in the replies to this post there is speculation as to who he is referring to with other people suggesting Hoy (Cllr Natalie Hoy), MD (Cllr Maxine Dixon) and SG (Cllr Sharon Gregory). Please note these 3 councillors are the 3 complainants and are the only female councillors on Clowne Parish Council.

I believe that he was referring to another parish councillors in his Facebook post and so was acting in his capacity as parish Councillor. I also believe that this could amount to a breach of the Clowne Parish Council's Code of Conduct which requires councillors to treat all other parish councillors with respect. I therefore propose to submit this complaint for formal investigation.

Please note I have invited Cllr Walker to comment on the complaints, however he has failed to respond.

I welcome your views,

Regards,



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