

STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

Complaint ref	015803
Subject Member	Councillor G Fielding
Council	Cradley Parish Council
Date of decision	14 November 2018
Breach of the code	Yes at VI 11 (a), (c) and (j) Cradley Parish Council Code of Conduct

DECISION

On 14 November 2018, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor G Fielding may have acted in breach of the code of conduct for members. The appointed independent person was consulted in considering the matter.

The monitoring officer and the independent person concluded that Councillor Fielding did breach the code of conduct. The reasons for this are:

- The complainant was a parish councillor for Cradley Parish Council and directly attributes their resignation to the behaviour of Councillor Fielding. A former clerk to the parish council who also attributed his behaviour to their resignation
- Councillor Fielding has on occasion demonstrated domineering, aggressive and confrontational behaviour. Although clearly an enthusiastic councillor from a local parish councillor, the manner in which he has conducted himself has at times caused others to feel intimidated.

The recommendation to Cradley Parish Council is that Councillor G Fielding receives training from the monitoring officer.

Relevant sections of the Cradley Parish Council Code of Conduct considered were:

VI. Rules of Conduct

11. Members shall in particular observe the following rules when acting as a Member or co-opted Member of the Authority and Members are informed that you:

(a) Do treat others with respect and courtesy.

(c) Do not bully any person;

(j) Do not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute.