

STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

Complaint ref	019414
Subject Member	Councillor Janette Ward
Council	Tarrington Parish Council
Date of decision	26 November 2019
Breach of the code (Y/N)	Yes

DECISION

On 21 November 2019, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor Janette Ward may have acted in breach of the code of conduct for members. The appointed independent persons were consulted in considering the matter.

The monitoring officer and the independent person concluded that Councillor Ward did breach the code of conduct.

Summary of complaint

An allegation was received that Councillor Ward had hit the pots outside of the complainant's premises with an umbrella.

Reasons for decision

The reason for the decision is that Councillor Ward did not deny that the incident had occurred. The matter of the pots has been discussed at various meetings of the Tarrington Parish Council so she was aware that it was a matter the parish council were interested in. Whilst Councillor Ward may have been acting in her personal capacity, she has brought the Tarrington Parish Council into disrepute by her action.

Recommended Action by Councillor Ward

It is recommended that Councillor Ward provide an apology.

Section of the Tarrington Parish Council Code considered:

"10. Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner which will tend to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Authority and never undertake any action which would bring the Authority, or its Members or officers generally, into disrepute."

Link to the [Tarrington Parish Council Code of Conduct](#)