

**STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Complaint ref</b>	023535
<b>Subject Member</b>	Councillor J Macklin
<b>Council</b>	Bishopstone Group Parish council
<b>Date of decision</b>	18 February 2022
<b>Breach of the code (Y/N)</b>	Yes

**DECISION**

On 18 February 2022, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor Macklin 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 concluded that Councillor Macklin did breach the code of conduct.

Summary of complaint

The complainant alleged that Councillor Macklin had named the complainant in correspondence and during a parish council meeting held on 1 September 2021. It was also alleged that Councillor Macklin treated the complainant in a bullying manner during the same open session of the parish council meeting.

Reasons for decision

The monitoring officer carefully considered the comments of both the complainant and the subject member. The complainant should not have been named in correspondence or verbally in the meeting, regardless of any history. I find that this is a breach of Bishopstone Group Parish Council adopted code of conduct at paragraph VI (a).

I do not consider that the conduct at the meeting was however bullying.