

STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

Complaint ref	023580
Subject Member	Councillor Desiree Parish
Council	Belmont Rural Parish Council
Date of decision	18 February 2022
Breach of the code (Y/N)	Yes

DECISION

On 18 February 2022, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor Parish may have acted in breach of the code of conduct for members. The appointed independent person were consulted in considering the matter.

The monitoring officer concluded that Councillor Parish did breach the code of conduct.

Summary of complaint

An allegation was received that Councillor Parish's language and tone in an email exchange during October 2021 was in breach of the code.

Reasons for decision

Councillor Parish was acting as a councillor during the email exchange which was in connection with proposed footpath within the parish council area. The emails dated 17 and 19 October were less than temperate and verged on being abusive and personal towards the complainant. This is a breach of the Belmont Rural Parish Council adopted code of conduct at VI 11, Do treat others with respect and courtesy.

I would advise Councillor Parish not to make personal comments about members of the public or councillors in correspondence.