

From: Lawrence Mattinson

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Mr Docherty,

Further to the e-mail and associated attachments that you sent to Strensall with Towthopre Parish Council in relation to the above mentioned complaint, I would comment to you as follows.

As a relatively new member of STPC I have found all of the Councillors to be responsible mature adults who act as 'Reasonable Persons' at every meeting that I have attended. All decisions are made without bias or favour and with the best interests of the the residents they represent at the forefront.

I am very disappointed that CYC are pursuing this issue further, based upon a very biased report that favours 2 individuals who have a significant interest in an outcome in their favour, versus 13 individuals who represent the community and have nothing to gain by reaching what I believe to be a reasonable decision that any responsible person would have reached given the circumstances surrounding this case.

In my experience of 40 years investigating serious and fatal incidents and auditing world wide businesses, the essence of a professional report should be to capture all of the facts from all parties concerned and present them in a factual and unbiased chronological order, without forming a personal opinion as Ms McKevitt has done. Such a report as she has prepared, immediately apportion blame upon potentially innocent parties, without giving adequate opportunity to those reading the report to form their own opinion. If the chronology had been recorded accurately then I am sure that you would not be wasting public money by pursing this issue further.

As for myself, I will not be attending any further meetings or hearings on this issue with CYC. If however CYC as the owners of the land in question wish to overrule STPC and give easement rights to the Harrison's (in contradiction to your earlier views), then so be it. However such a decision would have serious implications for the workings of the PC.

If you do have public funds to waste on this case then could I suggest you channel these into improving road safety in Strensall which CYC have so far failed miserably to act upon.

Regards

Cllr Lawrence Mattinson