

From: Tony Fisher

Sent 21/07/2016

Dear Mr Docherty,

Having read Ms KcKevett's report, which I consider to be one of the most prejudiced and utterly inaccurate documents I have ever read, I have decided that I will no longer participate in this farce. I disagree with some of the statements she makes (especially concerning the Parish Council's attitude to the services at Sevenoaks, where she has completely misunderstood the stance of the Parish Council), every conclusion she makes and have absolutely no wish to waste my time on debating a matter of opinion.

I am absolutely satisfied that all my comments were honest and based on clear evidence. I do not intend to submit any documents or attend the hearing. I also absolutely will not comply with any sanctions imposed on me and certainly will not apologise in any way. The Localism Act 2011 lays out the sanctions available and none of them worry me in the slightest.

Please tell the Standards Committee to do whatever they wish. I have better things to spend my time on, like serving the residents of Strensall.

Yours

Cllr Tony Fisher
Strensall PC

From: Tony Fisher

Sent 22/7/2016

Dear Mr Docherty,

Further to my e-mail of yesterday, I wish to add further points.

My e-mail should not under any circumstances be interpreted as an admission of guilt on my behalf, nor should it be inferred that I believe that other members of Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council have contravened the code of conduct in any way.

Furthermore, my personal vote in favour of the refusal by the Parish Council for the deed of grant for services to cross the new access was not influenced by my firm belief that Mr and Mrs Harrison's request for a second access was always intended to facilitate their unstated aim of

building a second dwelling. Their suggestion that it was to facilitate the manoeuvring of a motor home is absurd in my opinion. I voted this way because the Parish Council has taken a firm and consistent position of opposing any new crossing of the leased land for any purpose. Minute 5d of the PC meeting of July 14th confirms that City of York Council itself wrote a letter supporting the PC's decision. At Sevenoaks, the offer was made to BUY some of the land and we left this to City of York Council as owners to decide. When this offer was declined, The PC enforced the removal of the installed services.

I would also point out that Ms McKevitt's report makes no mention of the meeting the PC had with Mr Marsden (the potential developer and Mr Harrison's employer) at which he stated that he felt that he had been deceived by the Harrisons. To omit this is tantamount to incompetence on Ms McKevitt's behalf as I made her aware of it in my interview with her, a point she conveniently omits to mention.

I would also point out that we are in this position due to the incompetence of City of York Council, who granted the new access at The Firs without consulting Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council as lessees of the land. As the new access had already been constructed, the then members of the Parish Council felt unable to demand its removal, preferring to condition its use. Had the PC been consulted before construction, I believe that it would have been strongly opposed.

The complainants can solve any problem they have by taking the services for the new property over their original access. I do not believe that any decision by the PC confers any disadvantage on them whatsoever.

As far as I am concerned this matter is now closed. Please do not send any further correspondence to me over it.

Yours

Cllr Tony Fisher
Strensall PC