

Hearing Sub Committee Sandbach Town Council Addendum

Date: Wednesday, 8th December, 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Crewe

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For requests for further information

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From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 October 2021 08:50

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; BROWN, David (Director of Governance and Compliance) <David.C.Brown@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] RE: hearing sub committee

And yet every complaint I laid against cllr Hoffman and cllr cocoran alongside members of the public who also laid complaint, you as monitoring officer, has argued that the comments they made were from their personal face book accounts.

This smacks of hypocrisy and double standards.

I have 7 statements of fact from individuals who have been harassed and hounded by walker because they are friends of mine.

I shall call all 7 witnesses.

Cllr cocoran has also been briefing members about this hearing and interfering with witnesses. This I shall prove at the hearing to show how corrupt and biased your office has become.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

07584258823

From: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 8:39:27 AM

To: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; BROWN, David (Director of Governance and Compliance) <David.C.Brown@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] RE: hearing sub committee

Dear Cllr Jack

Your email is noted, however you do not provide any substantive evidence of what you claim Mr Walker has done, and in any event our adopted process does not provide for striking out a complaint or part of one at this stage.

The fact that social media posts are from a personal account does not necessarily mean that they are not made in someone's capacity as a councillor.

Ultimately the report is now before the subcommittee and any challenge you wish to make to the evidence or the findings need to be made through your submission of evidence and your response to the report, which I understand the subcommittee has directed you must provide by next Thursday.

Regards

Jamie

From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 October 2021 21:22

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; HOLLIS, Jamie <Jamie.Hollis@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; BROWN, David (Director of Governance and Compliance) <David.C.Brown@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: hearing sub committee

Can you all confirm at the very least you read my email. Seems you are very slow in reacting to anything i say or send and yet jump through hoops for cocoran and Co.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

07584258823

From: David Jack

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 10:33:34 AM

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; HOLLIS, Jamie <Jamie.Hollis@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; BROWN, David (Director of Governance and Compliance) <David.C.Brown@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: hearing sub committee

Further to the most recent meeting.

I would urge that the complaint laid by Robert Walker and all of his evidence now be dismissed and the person listed a vexatious litigant.

The man has none stop emailed yet again this week, he has passed all evidence of the hearing to police officers, councillors and members of the public. He has continued to harass and hound me. This is unacceptable.

It is not acceptable and David Brown and the office are aware of other complainants who have emailed the monitoring officer directly about the actions of Robert Walker.

I would also urge all social media posts contained within the bundle are removed as they have come from my personal accounts and not council accounts and as such are not subject to consideration or discussion by the committee.

regards

Cllr David Jack

Independent Town Council Member

Sandbach Town Council

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Cllr David Jack
[REDACTED]

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DATE: 15/11/21

OUR REF: DCB/TAH

Dear Councillor Jack,

Sandbach Town Council – Member Misconduct Investigation

I write further to recent correspondence in respect of the above matter. The Monitoring Officer has made further Directions, which are appended to this letter.

The adjourned hearing will take place on **Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 10am at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe.**

Background

This matter concerns a series of complaints against you, which have been investigated by an independent investigator, who has concluded that there is evidence you have breached the Members Code of Conduct. At the conclusion of the investigation process, the Monitoring Officer wrote to you on 30 July 2021, and proposed an informal resolution which included an apology in specific terms. You responded by email refusing this proposal.

By letter of 16 August 2021, you were advised that the outstanding complaints against you would be directed to a Hearing Sub-Committee to be held on 9 September 2021. The letter requested that you provide details of your attendance at the hearing, whether you intended to be represented, what witness evidence (if any) you would seek to rely on, and any agreement or disagreement regarding the facts and conclusions presented by the investigator. You responded to this communication with a series of emails and phone calls indicating you would not engage with the process.

On Sunday 5 September 2021, you stated by email that while you wished to attend the hearing in person, you had recently contracted pneumonia and sought a postponement of around 5 weeks.

On 17 September 2021, in response to your request for an adjournment, the Council's Interim Head of Legal, confirmed that the hearing would be rescheduled to 10am on Thursday 7 October 2021. You were again requested to provide details to assist with hearing arrangements, as set out in the earlier letter of 16 August 2021.

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On Monday 4 October 2021, you requested an extension of a further 5 weeks to allow you to consider, amongst other things, further evidence.

On Tuesday 5 October 2021, the Deputy Monitoring Officer informed you of the Sub-Committee www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

meeting would take place as scheduled on Thursday 7 October 2021. The purpose was to open proceedings and finalise procedural issues relating to your late request to call 3 witnesses. A series of directions were made relating to your response to the Investigator's report, the identity of any witnesses you proposed to call, the evidence of those witnesses and any other material evidence upon which you propose to rely and the sub-committee hearing.

On Thursday 7 October 2021 the Sub-Committee directed, amongst other things, that you provide, by no later than 4pm on Thursday 21 October 2021:

- (a) the witness statements of your 3 witnesses;
- (b) a response to the report of Mr Goacher, the Independent Investigator, headed Report of an investigation into an allegation concerning the conduct of Councillor David Jack ("the Report");
- (c) the videos, screen shots, and printed material which will form part of your evidence.

Those directions stated that, following provision of your material, and the provision of any material by Mr Goacher, arrangements would be made to fix the date of the substantive hearing as soon as practicable.

You have decided not to comply with any of these directions. The independent investigator is therefore unable to take into account, verify or confirm information you have refused to provide.

Directions

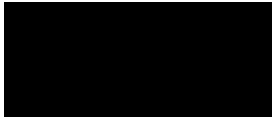
You have provided no witness statement, response to the Report, or video, screen shot, or other printed material. Accordingly, on Monday 8 November 2021, the Monitoring Officer consulted with Members of the Audit & Governance Sub-Committee, and has made the directions appended to this letter. The Monitoring Officer is empowered to make these directions under the Council's adopted procedure pertaining to complaints of Member misconduct.

The Monitoring officer in consultation with the Sub-Committee has provided you with a further opportunity to provide any information you wish to rely upon. However the Sub Committee will be unable to consider any information or material that has not been disclosed sufficiently far in advance to allow the independent investigator and the independent person a reasonable opportunity to properly consider and recommend if any further steps are required to ensure the fairness of the process.

If you fail to provide any information upon which you wish to rely by 4pm Wednesday 24 November 2021, you will not be able to rely on that material at the substantive hearing.

Yours sincerely

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David C Brown
Director of Governance & Compliance Services
Monitoring Officer

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

DIRECTIONS

On Monday 8 November 2021, the following Directions were made.

Upon noting Councillor Jack has not provided any information to assist the Sub-Committee in accordance with requests dated 16 August 2021 and 17 September 2021;

And upon noting that Councillor Jack has requested two previous postponements of the Sub-Committee hearings listed for 9 September 2021 and 7 October 2021 and noting that all Councillor Jack's previous requests have been accommodated;

And upon noting the significant delay to finalising the Sub-Committee date, and upon balancing the public interest in concluding Councillor complaints in a timely manner, and the interests of Councillor Jack in providing information for the Sub Committee;

And upon concluding that a proportionate and reasonable balancing of the individual and the public rights and freedoms must be reached, the following directions are made:

1. The adjourned Sub-Committee hearing ("**the hearing**") will take place at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, on **Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 10am**.
2. In the event of non-attendance by the subject member the Sub-committee hearing will proceed.
3. Any request for a further adjournment must be made no later than 10:00am 01 December 2021 with supporting evidence.

Upon Councillor Jack indicating he still wishes to provide additional information to the Sub-Committee;

And upon the Sub Committee and the independent person needing to properly consider, assess the information and to advise on any further enquiry;

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And upon the independent investigator needing to speak to any witness and consider any new evidence to update the Report;

It is further directed that:

4. Unless Councillor Jack provides to the Monitoring Officer, by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 24 November 2021:
 - i) the names of his witness(es), and the statement(s) of his witness(es) containing all material information in relation to the alleged breaches of the code of conduct;
 - ii) the availability of the witness(es) for interview by the independent investigator;
 - iii) a response to the report of Mr Goacher, the Independent Investigator, headed Report of an investigation into an allegation concerning the conduct of Councillor David Jack ("**the Report**"), setting out any areas of agreement and disagreement;
 - iv) screen shots, and other printed material which will form part of his evidence. Councillor Jack will be unable to rely upon that information at the Sub Committee.
5. The independent investigator to consider any information provided by Councillor Jack and if appropriate to provide any addendum to his report by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 1 December 2021, in response to any evidence, document and other information provided by Councillor Jack under paragraph 4 above.

Note

Margaret Rathbone, the Independent Person, was consulted about these Directions and confirmed she considered them fair

David Brown
Monitoring Officer
15 November 2021

From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 November 2021 11:56

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] RE: Please see attached

Can David brown, the Monitoring officer not answer for himself.

I have requested a meeting with him.

Simple really, but then simple seems to sum up some of the staff.

I ask again, arrange a meeting with the mibtoring officer to explain how he thinks he and his decisions can be superior to statutory law.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

07584258823

From: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:53:40 AM

To: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC
<MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] RE: Please see attached

Dear Cllr Jack

I would reiterate that the Hearing Sub-Committee is scheduled to meet and determine this matter on Wednesday 8 December, and will do so without the benefit of any witness evidence you wish to rely upon unless you comply with the directions recently communicated to you by the Monitoring Officer. For clarity, the relevant section of the directions is as follows:

Unless Councillor Jack provides to the Monitoring Officer, by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 24 November 2021:

- i) the names of his witness(es), and the statement(s) of his witness(es) containing all material information in relation to the alleged breaches of the code of conduct;
- ii) the availability of the witness(es) for interview by the independent investigator;
- iii) a response to the report of Mr Goacher, the Independent Investigator, headed Report of an investigation into an allegation concerning the conduct of Councillor David Jack ("the Report"), setting out any areas of agreement and disagreement;
- iv) screen shots, and other printed material which will form part of his evidence.

Councillor Jack will be unable to rely upon that information at the Sub Committee.

The above directions are intended to ensure fairness to all parties, including you as subject member and those who raised the complaints. The Sub-Committee should also not be required to defer any issue that may need a response from a person not present.

The complaints about your conduct are being dealt with under the Council's adopted procedure, which you are familiar with. You have already indicated that you do not wish for there to be any informal resolution, so a meeting with the Monitoring Officer is unlikely to assist.

Finally, I am not aware of any outstanding information requests from you.

Regards

Jamie

From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 November 2021 21:05

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] Please see attached

Firstly. Mr goacher is not an independent investigator. He is a solicitor representing the council. He has not operated independently or truthfully. An investivator does not draft conclusions and recommendations.

Indeed. At the last hearing he openly lied. That I shall prove directly to the panel members.

Secondly, I have asked repeatedly for a meeting with the monitoring officer to voice my concerns.

Not once has he ever returned my calls or responded professionally to any emails.

Outline exactly how you feel you have rights that over rule statutory law. How you have rights to infringe article 10 of the human rights act and how you can delve into my private emails and face book posts in matters that do not concern your authority.

Not once have you answered my requests for futher information or copies of evidence.

I shall attend and show my evidence on the day as I said in the hearing. I will give committee members five days advance copy as required in law.

Or. You could arrange a meeting prior to the hearing and deal with the matter as a grown up man rather than the childish games you have played since taking up your post.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

07584258823

From: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 5:17:58 PM

To: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] Please see attached

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From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 November 2021 09:54

To: GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC
<MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; HOLLIS, Jamie <Jamie.Hollis@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

find attached accordingly.

regards

Cllr David Jack

Independent Town Council Member

Sandbach Town Council

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Defence of Cllr David Jack

Sandbach Town Ward Councillor.

Sandbach Town Council

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Over the last 24 months it's fair to say I have faced some of the worst challenges and nastiest comments in my political life.

When I was elected 2019 I had hoped a new way of doing business in Sandbach had arrived and initially all worked well.

As an active member of council I pushed through motions that saw two new defibrillators being purchased for installation around the town. I motioned for the bench and bins backing onto a beer garden that were enabling youngsters to access alcohol be moved. I arranged for poppies on the lampposts throughout the town to be purchased and installed. Pushed for hanging baskets after ANSA said they wouldn't do them because of covid. Arranged to clear weeds through the towns streets. Alongside many other valuable suggestions and project work to bring changes to the town and make it a tidy, safe space for us all.

As chair of finance I delivered a balanced budget that didn't raise the precept despite tough financial pressures and cleared debt owed by the council. I also brought in tougher financial controls and scrutiny whilst at the same time brought more funding on stream for community groups and projects.

I also brought the proposal for a covered market arena with new public toilets and a new landscaping project to repair and renew the little common.

I also forced the changes to the Christmas lights and their installation, taking back control of them and making them safe as well as proposing a serious upgrade.

Alongside this I have also assisted in getting vulnerable people meals during covid, organised support and assistance to businesses and assisted in hundreds of enquiries from residents and businesses alike.

It's fair to say, my style is marmite and novel, you either love it or hate it. Predominantly people tell me it's refreshing to have an elected member without pretention and someone who says it as they see it in ordinary everyday language.

All was well until our local labour friends decided they wanted absolute obedience and servitude from independent c councillors, which obviously I refused.

I will never be subservient to a gang of individuals who rule by bullying, intimidating and threatening behaviour.

The lies that labour members have told about me is volumous. Even when presented with factual documents they continue with their campaign of hate and bile.

Stephen Andrew Martin Cocoran (That's right he isn't even called Sam) has led a small group of left wing socialists that will stoop so low to score points that they have tainted the very ground the council stands on.

First they attempted to fabricate evidence by taking several screen shots from various social media threads and stitch them together to make it look as though I was talking about shooting leading virtue signaller Laura Crane. The injury and fear she feigned was almost worthy of an Oscar.

The then monitoring officer would not deal with my complaint that the evidence given to him was fake and false on the basis that Laura Crane had withdrawn the complaint before it was heard.

When this failed they changed attack, closing down all working groups on council and taking chairs of all committees to control all council business. Out voting every single proposal and motion or changing the meaning of any not brought by their own members.

I battled on trying to ignore the hate from the labour group and their band of happy clappers sitting in the side wings and was proud and privileged to receive the nomination for deputy mayor from a good selection of councillors; almost winning the vote was certainly a surprise.

But since then things have nosedived with the attacks from Labour. They have discovered some new tools and a fan base. They have brought out the race card and latched on to a group of campaigners who are themselves causing division and hatred in the town.

I was admin on a very popular community social media page with over 10 thousand followers.

One evening, unknown to myself, a comment appeared in the threads on the page which made jokes about the Sandbach BLM and the KKK.

The acting monitoring officer at the time acknowledged that i may not have seen the comment, agrees i certainly didn't comment on the thread, and also agreed that the thread may well have been deleted before i was aware of it.

However he decided to claim i broke the code of conduct and was deemed to have acted in a racist manner because of the thread.

There was no right of appeal and no consideration that the page i administered i did so as a private citizen not as councillor.

The acting monitoring officer also failed to declare that he was a an active labour party member and councillor on another council and also a very vocal and active member of BLM. This raised concerns of a unfair And unbiased decision that unfairly tainted my name.

It was also the catalyst that triggered the complainant Mia Sykes to hound, harass, defame and abuse me persistently and constantly for months.

MIA SYKES

Mia Sykes, in her own blogs admits she has serious mental health issues. These were being fuelled and fed by labour activists and town councillors to focus her mindset solely on me, This led to her and two others spending 18 minutes of council question time attacking, vilifying, defaming and slandering my name. Not once was i given opportunity to respond or defend myself.

As you are aware , statutory law allows for the filming of public meetings, public places and individuals in public.

Indeed, the standing orders of Sandbach town council also permit it and actually go on to state permission is not required.

Neither members of the media nor the general public need permits to film or photograph in public places and police officers have no power to stop you filming or photographing incidents or police personnel.

No one can copyright their own appearance! Britain does not have specific guarantees of privacy in law, so no one can stop you filming them ... provided you are not breaking some other law to do so - such as trespassing.

Therefore On 24 September 2020 I made a video recording of Mia Sykes and another person speaking at a council meeting without their permission and put the video on YouTube has absolutely no basis in law for being considered and there is no case to answer, either in standing orders or current UK Statutory Law.

As for comments on Social media, i have not seen nor been provided with a single example of anything i said as a councillor from my council profile page. What i have seen used as evidence in the report provided and in front of you are comments my daughter made in reply to Mia Sykes hounding and harassing her in an attempt to get to me.

The inclusion of my daughter in these evidence bundles is gross abuse of the officers position to draw in family in these hearings for their private comments.

I made social media comments in reply to Mia Sykes constant stream of online trolling and abuse as a private individual afforded the protection of the human rights convention under article 10.

This authority, this council and this committee have no rights whatsoever or absolute to impose any sanction for my right to free speech or freedom of expression.

AS for an email in which i told Mia Sykes to not contact me again and seek mental health counselling, that was an informed and considered response to someone who had clearly escalated with their mental health and had become a problem to me and my families right to a peaceful existent. It contained no inappropriate language and was in no way in breech of the telecommunications act or the malicious communications act.

Again i submit there is no case to answer with the Mia Sykes complaint.

I draw your attention to the lies told at the last hearing by the solicitor investigating the matter. He stated, and its on record, that i told “demonstrable untruths” about his conversation by email with me about this hearing.

He made it clear it was about one complaint and one complaint only.

I draw your attention to the chain of emails on this matter. The screen shot of the emails appears in reverse chronological order as per the councils reader system and are untampered.

Investigation

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David Jack

Wed 28/04/2021 17:17

Zoom please Regards David Jack Independent Town Councillor Sandbach Town Council Town Ward [REDACTED]

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☐ **SG**

Simon Goacher [REDACTED]

Wed 28/04/2021 17:16

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To:

● David Jack

Dear Cllr Jack

Yes that would be fine for me. Would you prefer MS Teams or Zoom? If you confirm I will send you an invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Goacher

Partner

Weightmans LLP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

<https://www.weightmans.com>

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From: David Jack [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 April 2021 13:44

To: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Investigation

Sensitivity: Confidential

This message originated from outside our organisation and was sent to Simon Goacher. The sender name was [REDACTED] and the sender's email address was [REDACTED]

I can do Tuesday morning at 10am for an hour if that suits.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

[REDACTED]

From: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:59:49 AM

To: David Jack [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Investigation

Dear Cllr Jack

As requested I attach a copy of the complaint which includes screenshots of the posts complained of.

I look forward to your confirmation of when you will be available to discuss this with me.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Goacher

Partner

Weightmans LLP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

<https://www.weightmans.com>

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From: David Jack [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 April 2021 17:34

To: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Investigation
Sensitivity: Confidential

This message originated from outside our organisation and was sent to Simon Goacher. The sender name was [REDACTED] and the sender's email address was [REDACTED]

In advance of any further comments can you please supply me a copy of the complaints and the statements made against me and the supporting evidence specifically relating to the face book and social media posts.

Regards
David Jack
Independent Town Councillor
Sandbach Town Council
Town Ward
[REDACTED]

From: David Jack [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:53:40 AM
To: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Investigation

Then there is nothing to investigate. It is not an offence to film a council meeting. The meeting itself was broadcast to the public by the council.
As for comments I made as an individual that is my right.
The matter has already been investigated and a decision notice issued.
I fail to see what further action you consider necessary.
If an allegation of criminal wrongdoing has been made then it is for the police to investigate not a private law firm.
I fail to see what will be achieved by this. Nor the reasons you are involved.

Regards
David Jack
Independent Town Councillor
Sandbach Town Council
Town Ward
[REDACTED]

From: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:50:20 AM
To: David Jack [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Investigation

Dear Cllr Jack

Thank you for your response.

As stated in my letter it relates to complaint 37037/049/20 which you have already been consulted on by the monitoring officer of Cheshire East Council. You sent a response to the monitoring officer about the complaint by email on 24 November 2020 and you had a further exchange of email correspondence with the monitoring officer on 4 and 7 December 2020 about it.

It relates to an allegation that you filmed individuals without their consent at a Council meeting which took place virtually on 24 September 2020 and that you then posted the video on YouTube. The complaint also alleges that you posted the personal, misogynistic and ableist comments on social media on 25 September 2020 at 23:15 on the Sandbach Community Facebook Page.

If you need any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Simon Goacher
Partner
Weightmans LLP

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: David Jack [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 April 2021 11:39
To: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Investigation
Sensitivity: Confidential

This message originated from outside our organisation and was sent to Simon Goacher. The sender name was [REDACTED] and the sender's email address was [REDACTED]

Investigation into what?
I need more information before I respond as I may have to take separate legal advice.
Regards
David Jack
Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council
Town Ward
[REDACTED]

From: Simon Goacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:35:21 AM
To: David Jack [REDACTED]
Subject: Investigation

Dear Cllr Jack

I attach a letter the contents of which are self-explanatory.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Goacher
Partner
Weightmans LLP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ROBERT WALKER COMPLAINT

Turning to the complaints of Robert Walker, it is true i have tried to engage with this man at first but his behaviour and approach has been nothing but vexatious and aggressive.

He is another individual who lies with impunity, he claims not to be a labour party member. This is simply not true. He is the badminton partner to the current town mayor and labour councillor. He attends all of their meetings and is involved in every campaign.

I enclose a screen shot of his booking confirmation for labour conference earlier this year.

From: **Conference Services** [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 22 Apr 2021, 15:04
Subject: Priority booking for Labour Party Annual Conference 2021
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Colleague,

**Labour Party Annual Conference 2021 - Saturday 25 September to
Wednesday 29 September 2021, Brighton**

We recognise the huge challenges we continue to face during the current global pandemic and will continue to play our part in society's efforts to tackle this global challenge, while moving forward with the planning and facilitation of this year's Annual Conference.

The health and safety of all of those who attend and work at Annual Conference is of the utmost importance to us as an organisation. We look forward to seeing you in-person at Brighton this year and will continue to work in line with the government restrictions and guidelines. We will update our attendees of any changes or necessary adjustments to Annual Conference.

Join us as a Commercial Visitor for a fantastic opportunity to network and participate in one of the largest political events in Europe. Whether you want to access the main hall where the speeches and debates take place or simply attend as a complex visitor and enjoy the exhibition and fringes, we have a variety of pass options available.

There is a vibrant exhibition and many fringe events taking place each day, all included in the cost of your pass. The fringes, hosted by private and third sector organisations, discuss the topics of the day with a range of high profile speakers. As a commercial visitor you will also be invited to the invitation-only Business Reception.

We'd like to offer you exclusive early booking deals for accreditation as well as

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STATEMENTS OF OTHERS TO SUPPORT MY DEFENCE AGAINST ROBERT WALKER

I also attach the following individual statements about this man and the manner in which he behaves.

He has contacted friends and family and threatened and harassed them.

He has contacted peoples places of work and tried to get them sacked.

He has hounded my family.

He has aggressively approached me on a number of occasions in public.

This is a man who has written articles about his mental health, boasting about his paranoid delusions and his psychosis.

I told the man to stop contacting me after some 300 plus communications from him. He continues to this day to hound, harass and abuse me through social media and email.

Robert Walker



[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Fri 13/08/2021 11:03

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To:

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Andrew Lloyd [REDACTED]
Fri 13/08/2021 10:57



To:

• David Jack

Good morning Cllr.Jack

Please see the email chain attached to this email.

I am experiencing issues with a tenant of [REDACTED], being Robert Walker of [REDACTED] Sandbach. He has posted some rather unpleasant, unfounded and completely malicious comments about me online. I have taken advice and am told his behaviour constitutes harassment and bullying which are examples of anti social behaviour. I have requested [REDACTED] intervene however as you can see, they are less than enthusiastic. I should be obliged for any assistance you can offer in this matter.

Kind regards
Andy Lloyd

[Sent from Sky Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, August 13, 2021, 10:44 am, Andrew Lloyd [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning

Thank you for your response, I was told that you would protect this man, and yes I have taken legal advice about this and you are obliged to deal with instances of anti-social behaviour.

It is rather telling that others who have complained about your nightmare tenant have met with the same attitude.

Kind regards
Andy Lloyd

[Sent from Sky Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Friday, August 13, 2021, 10:30 am, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Lloyd,

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2021 regarding the online behaviour of a Sandbach resident. This is a private issue and therefore I advise you to obtain legal advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Customer Relations and Service Improvement Manager

Customer Services Team

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Andrew Lloyd [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2021 11:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Robert Walker [REDACTED] Sandbach

Good morning

Please immediately accept my apologies for 'door-stepping' you in this manner, however, I am now at my wits end in respect of the above named.

Over the course of the past several months Mr Walker seems to have become fixated on me and is attempting to discredit me with accusations on social media of 'doxing' homophobia, racism and disability hate. I am aware that he is also targeting other residents in and around Sandbach in a similar vein.

I've never met Mr Walker but I know he runs a business called Changes Plus from his address in Sandbach and he may suffer poor mental health (but who doesn't in this day and age?). I further understand that he is a tenant of yours at the address.

It seems he has taken exception to the fact that I sided with a Town Councillor in defending his absolute right to represent his ward in any way he saw fit to do so. This now apparently makes me a right wing misogynistic racist homophobe, worthy of his 'best efforts' to discredit me to the world!

He seems to have attempted to get me 'cancelled' at work but in doing so targeted another Andrew Lloyd through his LinkedIn profile as a 'best guess'.

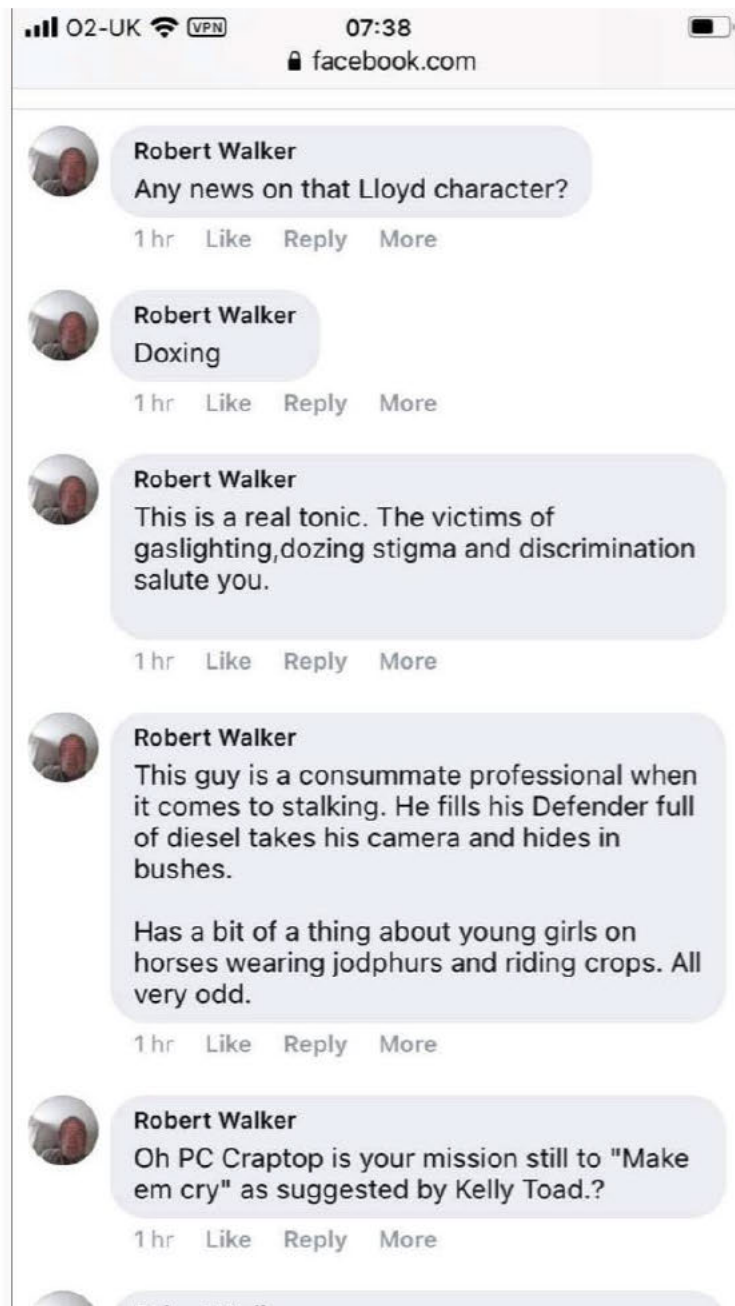
He has caused negative links (now removed) to my name to be placed within Google and now he seems to be accusing me of lurking in bushes with a camera stalking young girls on horseback wearing jodhpurs?

I'm afraid I must take the view that his continued behaviour is at the very least anti-social, and regrettably I must contend that [REDACTED] are facilitating his behaviour.

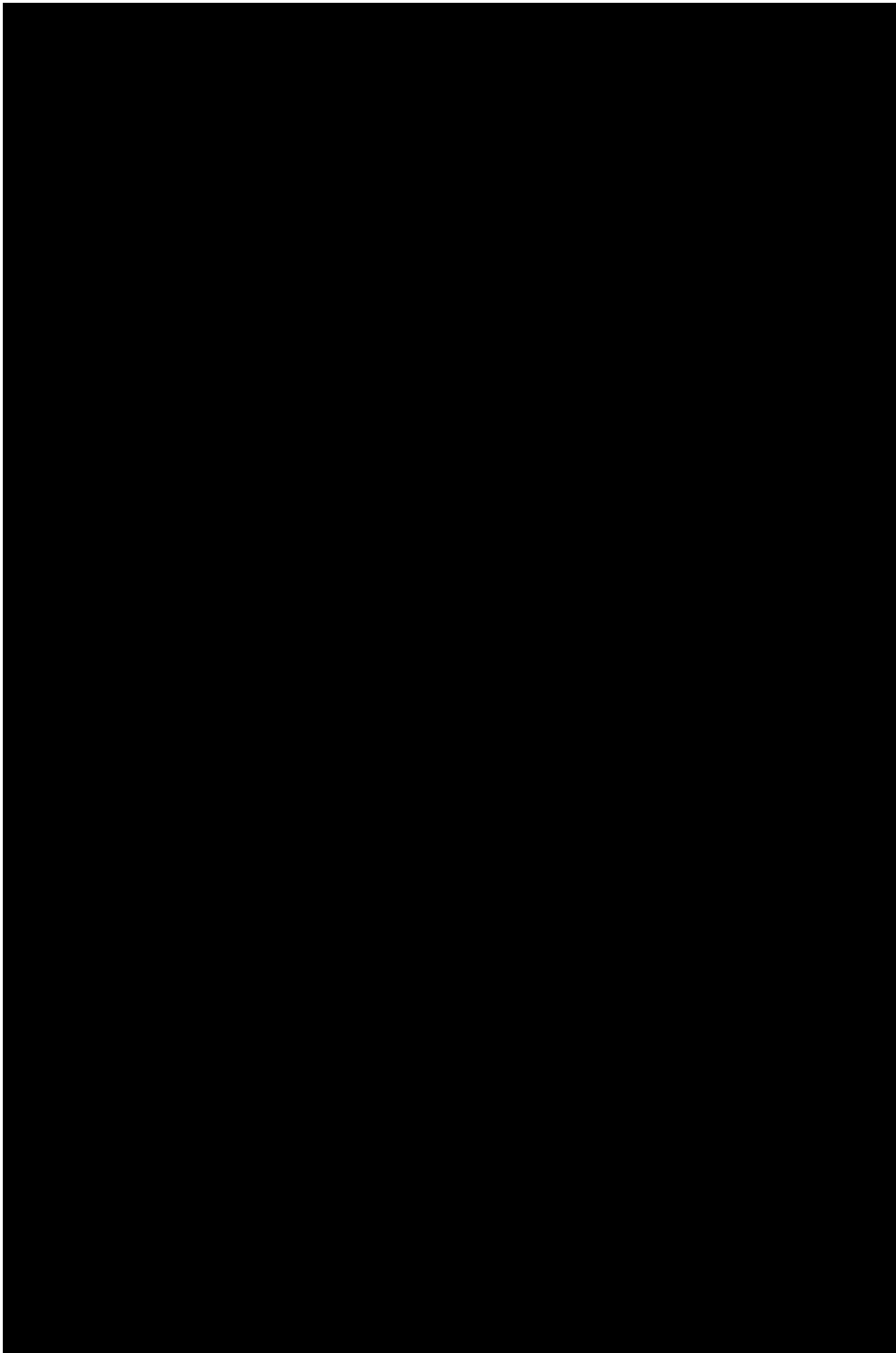
Despite Mr Walker's wildly inaccurate portrayal of me, it's not something I don't really wish any ill upon him, you must though realise that if his behaviour towards me continues, I will have no alternative other than to seek further redress. I should therefore be obliged if you would kindly advise Mr Walker with regard to your anti-social behaviour policies and ask him to desist from his behaviour.

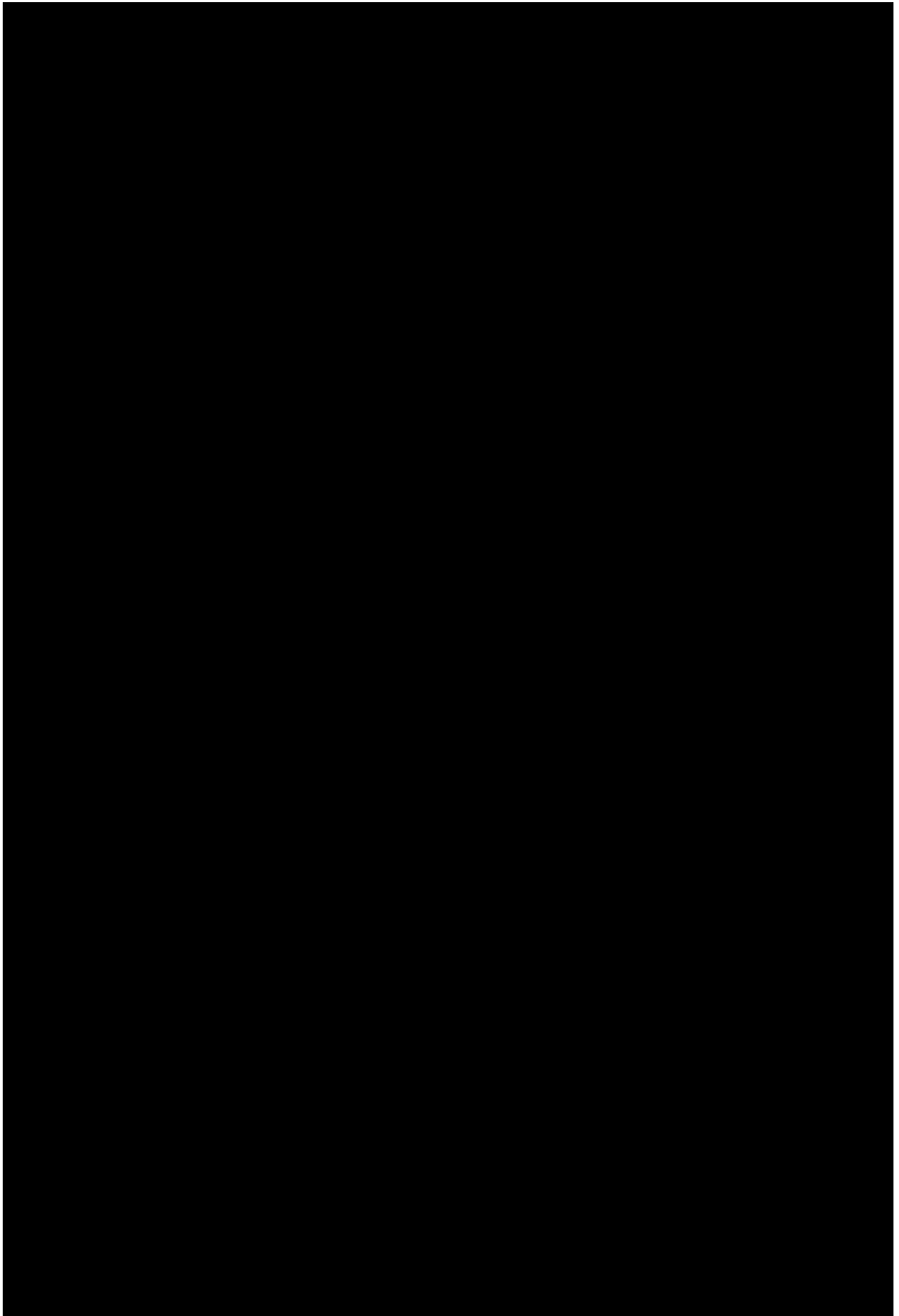
Kind regards

Andy Lloyd











Steve Bendall [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Mon, 18
Oct, 11:49

to [REDACTED]

Dear Councillor Jack

Please find my statement of events and my thoughts relating to Robert Walker

Until May 2021 I was totally unaware of a person local to me called Robert Walker.

However one evening I received a phone call from the director and colleague of a music festival that I am involved with as member of the production team.

His opening line to me on the phone was "if I was to say the Sandbach Sarcastic Society" to you what would you say?"

I just laughed and said "it's just a local banter page.....why"

My colleague then started laughing and said "you've been reported for hate speech,racism.homophobia and disability hate because of a meme you shared"

I asked to be sent the email trail and who had reported me.

The email trail was duly sent and demanded I be removed from the festival as I was not the sort of person who should be around members of the public

The email also stated that Robert Walker has reported me to the relevant authorities for hate speech!

I can categorically state there was no racism,homophobia or hate speech in the meme I shared on Facebook. It was "stolen" from another Facebook page and was not deleted by Facebook who have strict community standards.

As you can imagine I was fuming but also intrigued as to who Robert Walker and as why he has targeted me as we didn't know each nor had we ever interacted with each other.

I spoke to a few people and discovered that it appears that I was targeted because I am an acquaintance of Councillor David Jack!

From talking to people it transpires that Robert Walker is a local Labour Party activist/trouble make who makes it his business to try and cancel and discredit opponents of the local Labour Party and Councillor Jack in particular.

I wasn't sure how to play this as Robert Walker's attempt to cancel me failed miserably.

However I decided to file a report to the Sandbach Police for harassment so I would have something on record if Robert Walker decided to escalate matters further. I was advised that in the past he has riled people up then reported them to the police when confronted so I wanted to protect myself from this sort of bizarre behaviour.

I sent an email to PC Dutton reporting the incident but received a reply from PCSO Spike Elliott saying a report could not be filed via email and I had to report it by telephone.

I called 111 and was in a queue for the best part of two hours before giving up.

From a personal point of view I have not been affected but the actions of people like Robert Walker do have serious consequences for people.

I worked for Barclays Bank for 27 years and for the past 11 years I was worked for a firm of Independent Financial Advisors before retiring earlier in the year.

However I have no doubt whatsoever that if my Facebook profile was showing that I was still working Robert Walker would have tried to get me sacked. The potential knock on effect could be I would be sacked and potentially lose my house as I'd be unable to to pay my mortgage etc etc!!!!

People like Robert Walker are dangerous and really have no place living as they do in local communities.

For some reason Robert Walker seems to be above the law and be protected by the local police (who it has emerged are heavily involved in local left wing politics through their spouses!)

Kind Regards

Steve Bendall

So as you will see, all is not as clear as some would like to portray this as.

A coordinated and persistent attack from someone who is a labour member and at the heart of Sandbach labour, with a history of serious mental health, hounding and harassing me nonstop.

This is a man who has attended every zoom meeting and made wild accusations about me, again without allowing me a right to reply or defend myself. Someone who has regularly complained to every public and private body he can about me without any evidence. I enclose a copy of his IPSO complaint reply.

Via e-mail: 01.07.2021

Dear Mr Condliffe, I write following the consideration of the complaint from Robert Walker by the Complaints Committee of the Independent Press Standards Organisation. A copy of its decision is enclosed. Should you have any comments about any disputed point of fact please contact me as soon as possible – and by Thursday 8 th July at the latest. In addition, you are entitled to request that the decision be reviewed should you believe that the process by which the Complaints Committee’s decision was made was substantially flawed. Should you wish to request a review, that request must be made in writing, explaining the grounds on which you believe the decision should be reviewed, within 14 days of the date of this letter. The Committee’s decision – both the outcome and the terms of its ruling – remains confidential until it has been published by IPSO, and should not be disclosed to others outside your organisation. At the conclusion of the 14-day period during which a review of the process may be requested – or following the resolution of any concerns raised during the comment and review stages – the decision will be published on IPSO’s website. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Kind regards, Sebastian Harwood

Complaints Officer Decision of the Complaints Committee 02959-21 Walker v Sandbach Chronicle

Summary of Complaint 1. Robert Walker complained to the Independent Press Standards Organisation that the Sandbach Chronicle breached Clause 1 (Accuracy) of the Editors’ Code of Practice in an article headlined “Questions raised about partnership inclusivity”, published on 11 March 2021. 2. The article reported that the complainant had withdrawn his application to chair a local community group because he had received an “odd” e-mail from a named councillor that referred to him in a “derogatory manner”. The article then reported the named councillor’s response to these claims which he described as “nonsense”, adding that he had since been “bombarded” with emails and phone calls from the complainant to such an extent that he had reported the complainant to the police. 3. The complainant said that the article was inaccurate in breach of Clause 1. Whilst he accepted that he had contacted the councillor via e-mail, he denied contacting this individual via telephone. He said that the use of the term “bombarded” mischaracterised and misrepresented both the extent of their contact and his own conduct. He also disputed that he had been reported to the police, as he had received no contact from the police about the alleged complaint. He also expressed concern that the publication had not offered him a right to reply to these comments. 4. The newspaper denied any breach of Clause 1 (Accuracy). It said that the article sat within the context of an ongoing and contentious dispute surrounding the local council – a context its readers were well aware of. It maintained that it had accurately reported the comments of the councillor. It said that it was entitled to report these allegations and had not presented them

as fact. The article made clear that the views expressed were those of the named councillor, with the disputed term “bombarded” clearly this individual’s own characterisation of the contact between himself and the complainant. The newspaper said it had been assured by the councillor, prior to publication, that he had referred the matter to the police, adding that it had no reason to doubt the veracity of his account. 5. During IPSO’s investigation, the newspaper received a statement from the local police force confirming that the councillor had made an allegation of harassment against an individual a number of weeks prior to publication. Finally, it stated that both parties had been provided with the opportunity to comment, with the councillor’s comments offered in rebuttal to the claims made first by the complainant. As a consequence, it argued that seeking further comments from the complainant in response to the councillor’s own was unreasonable and unnecessary, and would lead to protracted rounds of comments and counter-comments. Relevant Clause Provisions 6. Clause 1 (Accuracy) i) The Press must take care not to publish inaccurate, misleading or distorted information or images, including headlines not supported by the text. ii) A significant inaccuracy, misleading statement or distortion must be corrected, promptly and with due prominence, and — where appropriate — an apology published. In cases involving IPSO, due prominence should be as required by the regulator. iii) A fair opportunity to reply to significant inaccuracies should be given, when reasonably called for. iv) The Press, while free to editorialise and campaign, must distinguish clearly between comment, conjecture and fact. Findings of the Committee 7. The Editors’ Code of Practice makes clear that the press has the right to publish the comments made by individuals, as long as it takes care not to publish inaccurate, misleading or distorted information, and to distinguish between comment, conjecture and fact. 8. Whilst the Committee recognised the concerns raised by the complainant, it had regard to the wider context of the article. The claims related to contentious ongoing issues surrounding the workings of the local council, and represented a continuation of a dispute which the publication had reported over a period of time, from different perspectives. The councillor had used the term “bombarded” to describe his own experience of the extent of the contact between himself and the complainant. The complainant did not deny that he had been in contact with the councillor, and the publication had attributed this characterisation of the contact to the councillor; it was not adopted as fact. Similarly, whilst the Committee recognised the seriousness of the allegations that the complainant had been reported to the police, it considered that the councillor was best placed to comment on his actions and whether he had reported the matter to the police. The article made no statement as to whether the police were pursuing the issue or not. In such circumstances, and taking the above into account, the Committee found that the newspaper had taken sufficient care in reporting the claims made. There was no breach of Clause 1 (i). 9. The Committee also noted that the newspaper had obtained a crime reference number from the councillor, which was separately verified by the local constabulary, during the course of IPSO’s investigation. As such, the Committee found no significant inaccuracy requiring correction under Clause 1 (ii) in regard to this. 10. The Committee then considered the complainant’s concerns regarding the claims made by the councillor related to the different modes of communication (telephone and e-mail) used by the complainant to contact him. In the Committee’s view, the accounts of the complainant and the councillor were conflicting on this point, and it was unable to reconcile these differing positions. However, given that it had been clearly presented as the councillor’s experience, and that there was no dispute that the complainant had contacted the councillor, the Committee did not consider that this, if inaccurate, was a significant inaccuracy so as to require correction under Clause 1 (ii). Conclusion 11. The complaint was not upheld. Date complaint received: 25/03/2021 Date complaint concluded by IPSO: 01/07/2021

My wife also wrote a reply to walker and his constant rantings in the local papers,

[REDACTED]

Tue, Mar 9,
3:59 PM

to Congleton, Chronicle series

Dear sirs

The last 12 months I have sat, read and listened to a few people shoot allegations and claims off about cllr david jack of sandbach town council.

I rarely get involved or comment on his political life. But I fear that I can no longer remain silent on the clear and evident witch hunt being orchestrated against him by political opponents.

I read about their allegations of him being decried as a racist, as a mysogonistic sexist, a bully who discriminates against mental health and disabilities.

In all of it I fail to recognise any of it as the loving husband, caring father or energetic grandfather that I have known him as for the last 33 years of our life together.

He has tirelessly campaigned against racism and fought it on every opportunity. He had a Jamaican descended business partner and best friend for many years. He grew up in inner city Wolverhampton, becoming part of the afro Caribbean and commonwealth community. He was awarded an honorary title by the Sikh community and recognised by the Muslim Council of Britain for his stance on international racism. His family consists of many mixed race members.

When it comes to mental health and disabilities, he helped lead the way with liz lynne mep in helping raise disability issues. He worked alongside her to bring about the disability discrimination act and he himself was employed in community legal services to help people access disability benefits, help and support. Something he continues to do to this day.

It is rare for me to be so open. I too suffer a disability. Seven years ago I was struck down with a rare form of epilepsy. A medical condition with many stigmas attached to it.

Throughout this time, my husband has stood strong alongside me and assisted me to overcome the stigma and discrimination of the illness. He has assisted many others with this illness too and has become a strong advocate in tackling institutional discrimination and stigma associated with epilepsy. This comes from his earned and lived experience of the condition.

In mental health work he has also done much. I have intimate knowledge of family members that isn't for the public domain that he has grown up around and always helped and assisted. He worked in private law practice undertaking mental health advocacy and qualified as a police station representative in mental health law.

It is shameful that the current group of cheerleaders for the local Labour party have targetted someone that they have never sat down with and got to know. They have attacked a man without knowing his story or background. They have never walked a mile in his shoes. Or have they even asked or enquired about his knowledge and experience.

Worse still is they now seek to target his family members, myself included, simply to win their petty political points.

So no, I don't recognise the man they claim to know.

But then 33 years of life together, why would I recognise him from these fact less, baseless allegations and half truths by people who have a political axe to grind.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Nichola Jack.

I will address the language in the emails in my summary at the end.

STEPHEN ALBERT MARTIN COCORAN

This is a man who is driven by his pure hatred of the Tories and those who he cannot control.

His behaviour on Sandbach Town Council is often bizarre, bullying, deceitful and down right disgusting.

He has a habit of lying and distorting the truth to score petty and cheap political points.

He uses common purpose to place officers who favour him and uses those officers as his personal body guards to attack opposition members.

He suffers with severe autism in my opinion. His sole focus is on me and he often directs members how to vote against me and attack me directly.

I have little time for this man and his games. He is a small man in very big pond who thinks he can dictate and demand how others vote. He is at best delusional and at worst narcissistic.

If he thinks i have discriminated against him under the disability discrimination act or the equality act then he will have to admit he has a disability that is his autism.

If he doesn't admit he has autism then i cannot have discriminated against him for it. Simple fact.

I make no apology what so ever for anything i have said to this man. He is beneath contempt and deserves no respect and will never get my servitude or capitulation .

That is my opinion of him and again, is my right to hold such views and express them freely under the human rights convention schedule 10.

DONAL HEGGERITY

A man who is a rancid socialist who is sexiest and a bully to all. He often attends council stinking of whiskey and is often incomprehensible when he speaks because of his drinking habits.

I called him a “doughnut” because it was least offensive way of calling him a “thick vile drunken bully”. I make no apology.

But on the use of a modern none offensive word, pleased do show me where the council keeps a list of words we cant use?

There is no Hansards library of words we cannot use. Only the Blackstones Criminal Guide. Last time i referenced it i failed to find “doughnut” as a prescribed criminally grossly offensive word.

I submit, that with the absence of any such published list of words by CEC or STC, there simply is no precedent to bring a complaint for the use of an ordinary English word.

There simply is no case to answer.

ALAN SMITH

Alan Smith assumes that my comment “Doughnut” was racially motivated and aggravated.

I have never heard if anyone using the word “doughnut” in a racist overtone. This is mere mud slinging and political misfiance by another of Cocorans Cult members who have been instructed to pile in a complaint.

I contend as above, there are no prescribed words i cannot use outside of Blackstones held by the council or supplied by members.

There simply is no case to answer.

DAVID BROWNE MONITORING OFFICER CEC

Since taking up post, David Browne has never once returned my calls or emails to discuss the issues at STC.

I have pleaded with him for a meeting to attempt to stem and address many of these issues but have always been refused a meeting or even the courtesy of a discussion.

His rulings have been bizarre on some of the complaints to say the least.

He cannot even apply standards fairly and evenly across the board. Labour members have complaints laid against them for threatening to shoot people, stab people or put bullets in the back of their heads. Mr Browne dismissed the complaints saying these were banter or private messages or private facebook or twitter pages of the councillors. Yet here we are, trawling through my private twitter and facebook trying to hold me to account for my freedom of expression and freedom of speech.

David Browne has helped and assisted people lay complaint against myself but not once assisted me or helped resolve anything.

IN SUMMARY

A political pile on over 18 months to 2 years that has involved the leader of Cheshire east and officers of the council twist and distort the truth, lie and conspire to undermine a political opponent of the controlling regime.

A none stop campaign orchestrated centrally to attack, hound, harass and stalk and troll myself, my friends and my family with pause.

An unfair process that can make a ruling that cannot be challenged, questioned or appealed.

A staff culture of not answering questions and treating an elected member with contempt based on the instruction, the rumour or the conversation of another council member.

The weaponisation of people with serious mental health issues by a cult movement headed by Stephen Albert Martin Cocoran to attack and undermine a political opponent that has the good fortitude to stand firm and not concede to bullying.

A code of conduct that is neither clear nor unambiguous and that has inconsistent rulings and decisions that over step the bounds of its authority.

Then you wonder what support was i given in all of this?

Where was my help when people were threatening to burn my house down, nail my cat dead to the door, rape my daughter on her return from a night out, brick my wife, stick me with a knife? All orchestrated by the so called leader of CEC and sandbach and Congleton labour.

The advice, the support. I was told make sure your house insurance is up to date and you have cctv.

You wonder why i have absolutely no respect for the process, the complaints procedure and the standards you claim to hold.

Because it a corrupted and fettered department run by political masters and their minions to silence those that will not be part of the current cancel culture gang ruining British society and politics.

No one once wondered how all of this may have impacted on my mental health, how enraged and angry i may have been with this constant stream of abuse, lies and attacks. Not once did anyone question how i felt.

And you wonder why i swore a few harsh words in an email or two.

This committee will do what ever it will do, but it should, it must focus on the virus ripping through Sandbach Town Council that's also present in Cheshire East. The virus of political cults common purposing officers to do their political dirty work for them. The virus of cancel culture trying to scream loudest to cancel those that will not yield to their warped sense of duty.

I put it to this committee that rather than looking at me as the problem, look at me as the symptom or the victim of a corrupt and broken system that uses bullying, lying, threatening party political pile on's to cancel and break their opponents.

The code of conduct is being used as a weapon by labour to silence political critics. That is why I refuse to be signatory to the model until it is fair, balanced and open.

There is one thing everyone can be sure of.

I'm going nowhere, changing nothing and apologising to no one.

I shall continue to fight for our town, for better facilities, markets, music venues, businesses, events, festivals, lights, clean streets, fair and honest council and everything else that we want to make this a safe and welcoming place.

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From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 November 2021 14:16

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] RE: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

In fact you know what Jamie, don't contact me again. You really are boiling my piss now.

Get someone else to deal with the matter. I don't want any further contact from you at all.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

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From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 1:07:25 PM

To: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] RE: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

I have their consent. How do you think they suploiwd the statements.stop being such an obstructive fence to all of this.

Sick and tired of your attitude with me.

Regards

David Jack

Independent Town Councillor

Sandbach Town Council

Town Ward

07584258823

From: Monitoring Officer CEC <MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 12:52:02 PM

To: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel
<Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC
<MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] RE: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

Dear Cllr Jack

I write further to my email below having reviewed the document you have submitted. Could you please confirm that you have the consent of those individuals you refer to in support of your defence for their details to be published with the Sub-Committee agenda papers? Email and phone details would be redacted where applicable.

Many thanks

Jamie

From: HOLLIS, Jamie <Jamie.Hollis@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 November 2021 10:02

To: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>; GRAVES, Rachel
<Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC
<MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] RE: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

Dear Cllr Jack

Acknowledging receipt of your email and attachment.

Regards

Jamie

From: David Jack <David.Jack@sandbach.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 November 2021 09:54

To: GRAVES, Rachel <Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; Monitoring Officer CEC
<MonitoringOfficerCEC@cheshireeast.gov.uk>; HOLLIS, Jamie <Jamie.Hollis@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: defense and witness . i reserve the right to call any of the witnesses in the report.

find attached accordingly.

regards

Cllr David Jack

Independent Town Council Member

Sandbach Town Council

07584258823

david.jack@sandbach.gov.uk

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From: Simon Goacher <Simon.Goacher@Weightmans.com>

Sent: 30 November 2021 08:43

To: Robert Walker [REDACTED]

Cc: mark adderley [REDACTED]; Hannah Cotton [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Legislate to enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for poor conduct - Petitions

Dear Mr Walker

Thank you for your email.

The link that you sent is to a petition which is requesting a change in the legislation in England to enable the suspension or disqualification of elected members who have engaged in poor conduct. This recognises that the current legislation does not allow this.

The Peter Little case was a criminal prosecution. If you believe that Cllr Jack has committed an offence then that is a matter for the police. I understand that you have reported issues to the police.

The Hearing Sub-committee next week is to decide whether Cllr Jack failed to comply with the Town Council's code of conduct in respect of the complaints before it and if so what sanctions should be imposed by the Town Council. As you know my view is that Cllr Jack has failed to comply with the Code but ultimately that is a matter for the sub-committee to determine. The sanctions which the sub-committee can recommend if it does find a failure to comply are set out in the Borough Council's procedure and are relatively limited.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Goacher

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From: Robert Walker [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 November 2021 08:00

To: Simon Goacher <Simon.Goacher@Weightmans.com>

Cc: mark adderley [REDACTED]; Hannah Cotton [REDACTED]

Subject: Legislate to enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for poor conduct - Petitions

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<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/586143>

No doubt you will be taking this legislation into account. I believe Jack has been vexatious throughout his term.

I think he has incited Hate not hope to individuals and groups and I believe he has been covert in doing so.

I think and believe that he has colluded with others and another political party.

I believe he has abused his powers as a public servant and not represented the interests of his ward. I think he has been inconsistent on a number of pledges including safe communicaties and disability issues.

I think that there is case law from the Councilor Peter Little case which requires exploration.

I do not think the appointment of Councilors is fit for purpose if this individual is an example of who can slip through the net!

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From: Simon Goacher <Simon.Goacher@Weightmans.com>

Sent: 30 November 2021 09:05

To: Mia Sykes [REDACTED]

Cc: mark adderley [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Cllr Jack Complaint

Dear Mia

Thank you for your email.

In response to your points.

- 1) I have produced my report where I have found that, in my view, Cllr Jack failed to comply with the Code. However, this is ultimately a matter for the Hearing Sub-committee to determine which is the purpose of its meeting on 8 December 2021 so there has not been a final decision on that complaint yet;
- 2) The screen shots have been submitted as part of the evidence to the sub-committee and of course he actually posted the matters complained about;
- 3) I am sure that the Sub-committee will ask him to substantiate his comments with evidence if he has any and I will certainly question him on this;

Criminal investigations are a matter for the police. Cllr Jack was asked by me to supply evidence to support his assertions, including any correspondence he has had with the police, but he refused to do so.

I do not believe that you need to provide any further evidence or information.

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From: Mia Sykes [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 November 2021 16:29

To: mark adderley [REDACTED]; Simon Goacher
<Simon.Goacher@Weightmans.com>

Subject: Re: Cllr Jack Complaint

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Best Regards

Mia Sykes

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