

STATEMENT

This appointment may only be for a short time because the pressure on the PC is increasing and it cannot continue as at present when it is being harassed by a very few individuals who are determined to continue with a prolonged campaign of mis-information and criticism of both the PC as a whole and its individual members, who we should remember are volunteers. This places an unnecessary additional workload on Councillors and it should also be noted that the Clerk doesn't have the time to deal with the extra workload

This was the first elected PC for more than 30 years yet almost from the outset, and increasingly within the past 2 years, there has been a barrage of criticism, much unfounded and some unnecessarily personal. None of the individuals concerned has been prepared to put their names forward to fill the recent vacancies.

The initial criticism included complaints, subsequently not followed up, against the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair resigned since he was not prepared to put up with the aggravation – I know how he felt, you can lose the will to live doing this job

There followed a FoI request which lead nowhere.

More recently we have had the request for the Parish Poll and now one individual has made 2 formal complaints and another FoI request . This will likely require more expense for legal advice. The PC considers these unnecessary and vexatious at a time when we felt we were building trust within the community and working together. It also diverts the Council from the many other important duties that they have. The FoI request goes as far as accusing me of using my personal email address to hide information from parish records. Whilst I have occasionally used my personal email mainly whilst in Australia the accusation is simply untrue and is not supported by any evidence.

All this because these individuals think that they and only they should have the right to review the NP and they are prepared to achieve their aim at whatever cost financially or to the community. This is very sad and dangerous for the future of the village community