



The meeting adjourned at 12.45 in order for the Committee to determine whether in their opinion the Subject Member had breached the Code of Conduct. The Subject Member and Officers left the meeting at this point. The meeting reconvened at 13.55.

On reconvening, the Chair confirmed that the Subject Member had been found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct in both cases. With regard to the first complaint the Subject Member was found to have breached Section 3 '*you must treat others with respect*' and section 5 '*you must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Council or the office of councillor into disrepute.*' With regard to the second complaint in the opinion of the Committee Section 3 '*you must treat others with respect*' had been breached.

The Subject Member was invited to make representations before the Committee considered what, if any sanction should be imposed. At this point the Subject Matter advised the meeting that he had retired from the parish council.

The Subject Member, Investigating Officer and Principal Democratic Support Officer left the meeting at 14.00 whilst the Committee discussed any possible sanctions. The Monitoring Officer remained in the room to provide legal advice. The Subject Member and Principal Democratic Support Officer were invited back into the meeting at 14.12.

On reconvening the Chair noted the resignation from the parish council of the Subject Member and expressed appreciation for the long and dedicated service that the Subject Member had provided to the community. The Chair confirmed that there would be no public censure.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That there be no public censure of the Subject Member.
- (2) That the parish council be recommended to undertake a review of its financial procedures and that the parish councillors be recommended to undergo training on rules and procedures.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 2.14 p.m.)

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