



Delivering local assessment

Exercise 2

Your authority has received 25 complaints in the last year about alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by members of Diss Funshunall Parish Council. The complaints have all come from other members of the parish council.

Ten of the complaints have been about alleged failures to register or declare membership of the local village hall trust, eight have been about alleged disrespect during council meetings, three have been about alleged bullying during council or committee meetings, two have been about allegedly bringing the parish council into disrepute as a result of things said at council meetings and two have been about alleged failures to declare prejudicial interests in planning applications.

The two about alleged failures to declare prejudicial interests in planning applications are the only ones that were investigated. They were found proven.

The following is complaint number 26:



I wish to report Cllr Rudy Boye for his behaviour at the last council meeting on 25 May 2008. I was in the process of discussing an important motion I had proposed about our annual village downhill cheese rolling competition when I distinctly heard him say "What is that prat on about? Will he ever talk any sense?"

I regard this as extremely disrespectful and urge you to investigate this very serious breach of the Code of Conduct. There were many members of the public at the meeting and I am sure they were as offended as I was by the behaviour of Cllr Boye.



You are a member of the sub-committee asked to consider this complaint. How would you deal with it?