

**Complaint against the Clerk of Botus Fleming Parish Council – 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 2019**

To:-

Chairman / Vice Chairman & all Councillors

XX in his preamble regarding PA18/11050 stated that the Clerk's response to the Statement made by the Chairman at the last Public Meeting was 'inaccurate and misleading' in connection to the Planning Application and the Role of the Clerk.

**Statutory Background.**

Items 1 & 2 – Noted as standard practice.

Item 3 – All Agendas & Minutes are recorded on the Council Website

Item 4 – 16B xiv All Planning Applications are monitored and recorded correctly and the file is available for scrutiny and audit. This is standard practice and no Planning Application has failed to appear on Agendas. The Complainant may be confused here with the 5 day protocol process, which is a completely different issue.

Item 5 – Refers to Delegated Powers to the Clerk. This is correct in that there are currently no Delegated Powers. In any event, these Powers do not extend to Planning matters, and where powers are delegated by the Council apply to Financial issues such as petty cash / emergency repairs, and to dealing with Elections and the co-option process. The point in this context is therefore irrelevant.

**Substance of Complaint**

**A**

PA18/09919 Keres House and PA18/09456 Bidwell Cottage

These Applications are respectively PA17/11440 & PA15/06010 and previously approved by the Parish Council. Agenda 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Comment made on Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Further response and comment on Agenda 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The revised Applications inform the Council of non-material amendments which do not affect the existing Planning Permission previously approved and granted and which require no further action by BFPC other than recording and noting the changes in the Minutes. The Agenda reflected the fact that the LPA and the Parish Council had approved the previous Applications.

I applied for an extension to the time limit for responding and circulated the information received from the Planning Department to Councillors and included the two items on the Agenda for the following BFPC Meeting. I recorded the previous Approval decision for information. I have no desire to 'act above any powers or outside of standing orders'.

When the complaint was received I responded to XX and advised him that I would refer his complaint (with all the emails received and sent) to the Society