

Botus Fleming Parish Council
Via the Parish Clerk
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27th May 2020

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Councillors,

Within the body of this letter, I include a copy of my letter of 28th March which was neither acknowledged nor replied to.

I saw, from the parish website, that my letter had not been included on the agenda of the Parish Council meeting scheduled for today (but cancelled).

Having spoken to the Parish Clerk this morning I was somewhat surprised to be told my letter had not been included within the agenda as it did not contain my address. I was unaware of such a regulation and would appreciate you referring me to where I can find that reference? In any case, I have to ask why you didn't just reply to my email and advise me?

I have now included my address and am also sending you a signed hard copy. Once again, I ask that this letter (dated 27th May) is included in the agenda of your next Parish Council meeting and that you attach a copy when publishing the agenda. You have my permission to publish my name. If you require [REDACTED] permission to include [REDACTED] please let me know by return. I am happy to obtain it in writing for you.

To: Botus Fleming Parish Council

28th March 2020

From: Denis Morgan

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Councillors,

Since my resignation as Chairman of BFPC I have stayed clear of council matters. However, having recently heard that the council have labelled [REDACTED] "vexatious", I cannot stand back and say nothing.

[REDACTED] has explained the events leading to this and I have also seen [REDACTED] reply to you seeking a withdrawal of this 'label'. [REDACTED] reply comprehensively explained why your actions are unjustified and there is no need for me to provide further detail. Suffice to say I firmly believe [REDACTED] is absolutely right to call you to task regarding this recent development.

Without going over events leading up to [REDACTED] I believe every Councillor who served [REDACTED] will agree that [REDACTED] worked tirelessly in support of the wellbeing of the Parish. Furthermore, [REDACTED] did his utmost to ensure that our Council did matters properly, operated within its authority, adhered procedurally to guidelines and principles, and operated within the law.

It seems clear to me that as a parishioner, [REDACTED] has attempted to continue to provide guidance and support in this way; as is [REDACTED] right and perhaps even 'duty'. However, [REDACTED] efforts and advice relating to continued governance issues have apparently either been misconstrued, or alternatively regarded as a barrier to operating ultra vires?

[REDACTED] has made no complaint about individual councillors and [REDACTED] comments actually relate to issues which could have been avoided with effective and proper guidance from the Clerk. I am therefore more than surprised that [REDACTED] discreet attempts to voice concerns have somehow resulted in an inappropriate use of a complaints procedure which, in turn, seems to have been used as an excuse to label [REDACTED] as 'vexatious'. This does look like an attempt to silence inconvenient challenges?

Under the circumstances I would strongly recommend that the Parish Council reconsiders its actions in this matter and perhaps tries to engage with [REDACTED] positively instead of treating [REDACTED] as a nuisance. I think [REDACTED] suggestion of mediation via CALC is a good one.

In any event, I believe that the Parish Council owes [REDACTED] an apology and should withdraw this allegation of vexation, which is obviously untrue and even defamatory.

I am both saddened and disappointed that such a decent group of people cannot collectively be better than this.

Regards

Denis Morgan

P.S. I have today been made aware of your response to [REDACTED] letter and accordingly, I must ask that this letter is included in the agenda of your next Parish Council meeting and a copy attached when publishing the agenda.

Can I ask you to acknowledge this letter please?

Thank you.

Denis Morgan