

STANDARDS COMPLAINTS JUNE TO DECEMBER 2024

JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

REF.	AUTHORITY	SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT	RESOLUTION/ OUTCOME
1	TMBC	Complaint against 3 Members of TMBC, arising out of comments made by the Members at a meeting of the TMBC Cabinet. Allegation that the Members made false statements (disrepute).	Complaint rejected - failed local assessment criteria (paras d & h).
2	East Peckham Parish Council	Complaint against 2 Members of the Parish Council, alleging misconduct at 2 meetings of the Parish Council (disrespect).	Complaint rejected – failed legal jurisdictional test. Not capable of amounting to a breach of the Code of Conduct.
3	Borough Green Parish Council	Alleged bullying and intimidation.	Complaint rejected failed local assessment criteria (paras d & j).
4	TMBC	Complaint against 2 Members of TMBC. Allegation that Cllr 1 verbally abused and questioned intelligence of complainant and that Cllr 2 deliberately misled the public during a Council meeting.	Complaint rejected – failed legal jurisdictional test (Cllr 1) and local assessment criteria (paras d, g & h) (Cllr 2)
5	TMBC	Complaint about behaviour of Cllr during a Council meeting, alleging a breach of the Nolan principles and bullying/ disrepute under the Code.	Complaint rejected – failed legal jurisdictional test. Even if proven, comments made by Cllr Insufficient to amount to bullying or disrepute.
6	East Peckham Parish Council	Complaint against 2 Members of the Parish Council, relating to conduct during a meeting of the Parish Council. Allegation that Cllrs breached Nolan principles	Complaint rejected – failed legal jurisdictional test. Insufficient supporting evidence that Code had been breached and complaint was about dissatisfaction with Parish

			Council decision rather than conduct of Cllrs.
7	Wateringbury Parish Council	Complaint about behaviour of Cllr during a Council meeting, alleging disrepute under the Code.	Complaint rejected – failed local assessment criteria (paras c, d g & j)
8	Borough Green Parish Council	Complaint about failure of Parish Council to follow their adopted procedures for handling complaints and the role of 1 Parish Cllr in that process (disrepute).	Complaint rejected – failed legal jurisdictional test. Complaint related to an alleged failure of the Parish Council rather an individual Cllr.
9	Wateringbury Parish Council	Complaint that Cllr breached obligations relating to bullying, disrepute, compromising or likely to compromise the integrity of those who work for or on behalf of the authority, disclosing information given in confidence, using position improperly to confer on or secure for themselves or any other person an advantage or disadvantage.	Recommended to Parish Council that complaint be resolved informally through mediation.
10	Borough Green Parish Council	Complaint that Cllr breached confidentiality/ GDPR by publishing details of previous complaint.	Complaint closed – matter for the Information Commissioner rather than TMBC
11	Wateringbury Parish Council	Complaint about behaviour of Cllr during a Parish Council meeting (disrepute).	Complaint rejected – failed local assessment criteria (paras c,d, g & j).
12	Borough Green Parish Council	Complaint about alleged disclosure of complainant's identity via Parish Council minutes (respect/ bullying/ improperly conferring an advantage or disadvantage/ disclosure of confidential information).	Complaint rejected – failed local assessment criteria (paras d, g & i).
13	Borough Green Parish Council	Complaint about inflammatory article in the local press and of content of email from Cllr.	Complaint rejected – failed local assessment criteria (paras d & g).