

Code of conduct factsheet for parish councils

Can the monitoring officer:

- Investigate complaints against a parish council as a whole?

No, complaints can only be considered against individual parish councillors. Complaints against the parish should be referred to the clerk to the parish council

- Look at complaints in connection with the publication of minutes, agendas or any other material produced by a parish council?

No, these should be referred to the clerk to the parish council

- Look at complaints in relation to potential financial malfeasance / wrong doing / impropriety?

No, this should be referred to the external (or district auditor) for the parish council. The details for the auditor will be held by the parish clerk.

- Look at complaints in relation to the parish clerk?

No, the parish council are the employers of parish clerks. Any complaints against a parish clerk should be referred to the chairperson of the relevant parish council