

STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

Complaint ref	022212
Subject Member	Councillor Desiree Parish
Council	Belmont Rural Parish Council
Date of decision	27 April 2021
Breach of the code (Y/N)	Yes

DECISION

On 27 April 2021, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor Parish may have acted in breach of the code of conduct for members. The appointed independent person were consulted in considering the matter.

The monitoring officer concluded that Councillor Parish did breach the code of conduct.

Summary of complaint

An allegation was received that Councillor Parish had commented on a traffic road order (TRO) consultation as a parish councillor without the authority of the parish council rather than in her personal capacity in May 2020.

Reasons for decision

By submitting an objection to the TRO consultation in May 2020 using Councillor D Parish as a signatory, this was contrary to parish council's standing orders as there was no approval for Cllr Parish to act on behalf of the parish council. It is acknowledged that Councillor Parish did try to correct the matter and re-submitted the comments as a comment in her personal capacity. However, I do not think the breach is significant and as a resolution I would advise that Councillor Parish provide an apology to the parish council.