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Mary Dolley

From: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 July 2024 15:27
To: pyeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk
Cc: Jonathan Mair
Subject: RE: Declaration of Interest

Dear Peter

Following my email to you and your subsequent response on 19th June, I sent a further response to you later that day, as shown below.

Following yesterday's email from Jonathan Mair, I reviewed my sent items last night and it would appear that my response to you and other councillors never reached you. For some reason, unbeknown to me, on checking the distribution list last night, your name was not listed as a recipient. Please accept my sincere apologies for this admin/ IT error and any inconvenience this may have caused.

I trust that you will now be able to provide your response to Jonathan as set out in your email dated 19th June.

Kind regards

Brie

From: Brie Logan
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 12:50 PM
Subject: RE: Declaration of Interest

Dear Peter (and other councillors for information)

The councillors you reference do not have a declaration to make as the agenda item in question was a STC proposal and therefore members are entitled to make comment and vote accordingly.

To clarify, it is not for me to call out members during a public meeting who do not declare their interest in the respective agenda item. Councillors, as individuals, have a duty to follow the [STC Code of Conduct](#) relating to Councillor interests as set out in the [Good Councillor Guide](#) (page 54 to 58).

The accusations you make about me and my conduct to your fellow councillors is unacceptable. To be clear, my role is to follow the instruction as set by STC. All actions listed below are as approved by resolution of STC. If you have a complaint about my conduct then the process that needs to be followed is set out in section 12.2 of the [Comments, Complaints and Complaints Policy](#).

I further remind you that good working relationships between officers and councillors, mutual respect and an understanding of their distinct roles are vital. Conflicts between these key players, especially during meetings in front of the press or public, are damaging to the council's credibility. The [Civility and Respect Officer and Member protocol](#) explains how a strong, constructive, and trusting relationship between councillors and officers is essential to the effective and efficient working of the council.

I extend a further offer to meet up and discuss how we find ways of working together effectively for the greater good of STC and the town.

Kind regards

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Brie

From: Peter Yeo <PYeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:15 AM

To: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Cc: Lester Dibben <LDibben@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Elaine Barratt <EBarratt@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Greg Williams <GWilliams@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Nigel Heritage <NHeritage@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Jade Salkeld <JSalkeld@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Virginia Edwyn-Jones <VEdwyn-Jones@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Conor Smith <CSmith@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Jeanne Loader <JLoader@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Justine Elmendorff <JElmendorff@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Annie Philpott <APhilpott@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Piers Brown <PBrown@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Lorah Wild <LWild@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Alex Chase <AChase@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Sybille Maddock <Assistanttownclerk@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Declaration of Interest

Mrs Logan ,

Have you sent these same emails regarding declaration/conflict of interest to Cllr Brown, Cllr Hollingshead, Cllr Chase, Cllr Wild and Cllr Edwyn Jones and Cllr Loader?

By your logic these Cllrs should also have received your emails and left the room seeing as they have all voted for the STC proposal to rival the Community Land Trust's proposal that they all knew about and voted against and went on to support STC's poor imitation.

In STC Full Council on 19 March 2024 Cllrs Brown, Hollingshead, Edwyn-Jones and Loader (and former Cllrs Lewer and Cook) voted to squander yet more tax payers money on the town council's failed and unsupported (in fact opposed) by the residents Planning Application.

If you think there's an issue with me speaking out or being in the room you should say so in the meeting and you should say it to all the other councillor (as named above) that, according to your logic, have a conflict of interest.

If you think that I am not going to speak out against the town Council's appalling planning applications that are not supported by the residents and would destroy and urbanise Mampitts green, you are sadly mistaken and don't seem to understand the role of a councillor. It is my job as an East Ward councillor to represent what the residents want. They do not want the STC s106 proposal or the STC planning application.

It is highly improper that you submitted an updated design and an updated planning application to DC at the end of March 2024 . As you know, you did not show this updated design to all councillors before submission, only to your favoured ones.

This updated design should have been put on a full council agenda and voted upon by the new Cllrs. It was clearly raced through in a highly improper manner so that the new council would not be involved.

Your delegated authority does not enable you to submit a planning application on behalf of STC for an updated design without it having been seen by all Cllrs and voted upon as a subsequent full council agenda item and yet you did.

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The resolution that you allowed to be made in March 2024 was highly improper and the planning application should be null and void and withdrawn from Dorset Council as correct process was not followed.

This is a breach of conduct on your part, as it also was when you submitting an s106 application to Dorset Council in March 2022 for the Mampitts S106 land and associated s106 funds to rival the Community Land Trusts s106 application.

That s106 application was never on a full council agenda, only on the General Management Committee's Agenda, which of course was chaired by Cllr Piers Brown, who has a huge conflict of interests in this STC Planning Application being a close personal friend of property developer (and Town Cllr until May 2024) Mr Anthony Philip Proctor who has so far twice tried to get planning permission to build 20 houses on the adjacent fields of Langdale Farm. Cllr Brown is also the lead Cllr of the so called 'Mampitts Advisory Committee' (himself plus his 4 personal friends and Cllr Wild). So even more conflicts of interests for him and Cllr Wild.

You by passed full council in March 2024 and the proper democratic process and also in March 2022 when you submitted that s106 application to Dorset Council without it ever having been briefed or shown to full council or voted upon by full council for submission.

Have you done the standards in Public Life Training?

Regards,

Councillor Peter Yeo
East Ward
Shaftesbury Town Council
Tel 07879490893

On 19 Jun 2024, at 10:04, Brie Logan <brielogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Peter

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Please take some time to read again the email below that I sent to you on 8th December 2023. The information clearly lists out the *Conflicts of interest in decision making as a councillor, and what in public law is known as 'apparent bias', are an established part of the local government legal landscape*. To clarify; If an agenda item relates to one of your interests, such as the one last night, you must not participate in the discussion or vote. The declaration of interests at meetings is intended to give the public confidence in the council's decision making. You participated in the debate and voted on this matter which was improper and a breach of the Code of Conduct hence this email to remind you of the rules of the council.

I further advise you to book on to the DAPTC Standards in Public Life training which can be accessed via this [link](#). This training will further endorse the need to regulate the conduct expected of you as a holder of a public office and to protect the reputation of the council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

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From: Brie Logan
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Peter Yeo <PYeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning and Highways - ROI

Dear Peter

As a follow up to the Planning and Highways committee meeting you appear to misunderstand the protocol in relation to declaring your interests in connection with the Mampitts CIC/ CIO. It is therefore my responsibility to provide you with the facts so that I can guide you to operate within the STC Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

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It is the responsibility of each councillor to update their ROI. As the Clerk, once I have received a councillor request to update their ROI, I then submit an online request to DC and a unique link is then sent out to the councillor. Please advise me by return if you would like me to arrange for a unique link to be sent to you in order for you to update your ROI.

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Conflicts of interest in decision making as a councillor, and what in public law is known as 'apparent bias', are an established part of the local government legal landscape. The Seven Principles of Public

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Life and the Model Code require councillors to act impartially (i.e. not be biased) when carrying out their duties.

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Remember, the rules are designed to regulate the conduct expected of you as a holder of a public office and to protect the reputation of your council.

I hope this provides you with clarity on the importance of following the council's protocol and the need to operate within the rules and regulations which includes the need to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Kind regards

Brie

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Mary Dolley

From: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 July 2024 12:10
To: pyeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk
Cc: Jonathan Mair
Subject: RE: Declaration of Interest

Dear Peter

I emailed you on 3rd July at 15:27 to explain further about the email response I sent to you on 19th June in relation to your questions.

Since then, I have subsequently sought advice from NALC (the National Association of Local Councils) and councillor interests (Pecuniary and Other Registerable Interests). The NALC response is as follows:

Section 31 (4) of the Localism Act 2011 provides:

The member or co-opted member may not—

(a) participate, or participate further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting, or

(b) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting, but this is subject to section 33 (dispensations).

Section 31 (10) says that standing orders of a relevant authority may provide for the exclusion of a member or co-opted member of the authority from a meeting while any discussion or vote takes place in which, as a result of the operation of subsection (4), the member or co-opted member may not participate.

Section 31 (10) enables councils to have standing orders that go further than the requirement for councillors with DPLs to not participate in discussions or vote.

The declaring of a DPL is a matter for an individual councillor. A councillor not doing so when required to is subject to the penalties in the 2011 Act and any code of conduct complaints. There is no concept of the chair/ clerk not counting a vote from a councillor they believe is taking part unlawfully as the onus is on the councillor.

As a reminder the STC Standing Orders, Appx B section 6 (page 12) states:

*Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your **Other Registerable Interests**, you must declare the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', again you do not have to declare the nature of the interest.*

Kind regards

Brie

From: Peter Yeo <PYeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Jonathan Mair <Jonathan.Mair@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Declaration of Interest

Dear Mr Mair,

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No, I never received a response to my email to Mr Logan.

I emailed her various questions and copied in the other STC councillors. There was no reply.

Mrs Logan claims she did reply but has not sent as an attachment (as is the correct procedure in such situations) the email she claims to have sent.

I am still waiting for that email proof sent as an attachment.

Regards,

Peter Yeo

Councillor Peter Yeo
East Ward
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Tel 07879490893

On 2 Jul 2024, at 18:58, Jonathan Mair <Jonathan.Mair@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Cllr Yeo

In your email below you explained that you would reply to me once you had received a response from the Town Clerk. I understand that she has responded. I have not though heard from you.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mair
Director of Legal & Democratic (Monitoring Officer)
Senior Leadership Team
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From: Peter Yeo <PYeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:11 PM
To: Jonathan Mair <Jonathan.Mair@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Declaration of Interest

Dear Mr Mair,

I will reply to your email once I have had the responses from Mrs Logan to my reply to her email of this morning.

Regards,

Councillor Peter Yeo
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On 19 Jun 2024, at 12:36, Jonathan Mair
<Jonathan.Mair@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Cllr Yeo

If I may reinforce what Brie has written, in addition to the Localism Act requirement to disclose your pecuniary interests to me the Code of Conduct adopted by Shaftesbury Town Council requires you to disclose your “other registerable interests”.

The other registerable interests that you are required to disclose include your membership of or position of general control or management of any body directed to charitable purposes. Accordingly you disclosed to me on 4 June 2024 your trusteeship of the Mampitts Lane Community Land Trust CIO. The consequence of this is set out in the Town Council’s Code of Conduct:

5. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates one of your Disclosable

Pecuniary Interests, you must declare the interest, not participate in any discussion

or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a ‘sensitive interest’, you do not have to declare the

nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Other Registerable Interests, you must declare the interest. You may speak on the matter

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remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a ‘sensitive

interest’, again you do not have to declare the nature of the interest.

Participation in the meeting in the way that Brie has set out amounts to a breach of the Town Council’s Code of Conduct.

In addition, when your architect Mr Jordaan wrote to Dorset Council about the non payment of his fees he referred to you having given him an “assurance as trustee & town councillor that both my and his expenses would be covered once the project goes ahead.” If you are to be paid arising from your work as a trustee then from that point the nature of your interest may change from an other registerable interest to a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI). A failure to

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disclose a pecuniary interest would amount to an offence, as would participation in any council business in relation to which you have a DPI. It would then become a matter for the police rather than one for Dorset Council. Therefore, in addition to the points that Brie has made I urge caution. If the CIO scheme was to go ahead and if you were to be paid then you should take advice about whether this would amount to a DPI and the steps you should take in order to avoid committing an offence.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mair
Director of Legal & Democratic (Monitoring Officer)
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Kind regards

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Mary Dolley

From: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 December 2024 13:13
To: STC Councillors
Cc: Cllr. Jack Jeanes; Cllr. Derek Beer
Subject: RE: Council Tax - external auditor report - STC non compliance - PFK
Attachments: Guidance-on-the-Local-Government-Association-Model-Councillor-Code-of-Conduct-2020-for-parish-and-town-councils.pdf

Good afternoon Lester (and other councillors for information)

The Local Government Association (LGA) MODEL Code of Conduct is as adopted by STC in May 2024.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) states: *The code is a template for parish and town councils to adopt as a whole or with amendments to consider local circumstances. The code and guidance have been designed to protect our democratic role, encourage good conduct, and safeguard the public's trust and confidence in the role of councillor in local government.*

While it sets out the minimum standards of behaviour expected, together with the guidance, it is designed to encourage councillors to model the high standards expected, to be mutually respectful even if they have personal or political differences, to provide a personal check and balance, and to set out the type of conduct that could lead to complaints being made of behaviour falling below the standards expected of councillors and in breach of the code. It is also to protect councillors, the public, local authority officers and the reputation of the local government.

The LGA guidance on Model Councillor Code of Conduct is as attached. In terms of Councillors and their interests, this information is detailed on pages 36 to 45. It is for each councillor to follow and comply with the rules as laid out in the Code of Conduct. Here is an extract, in blue text below, from one of many emails that were sent to a STC councillor (name redacted) during 2024.

Please take some time to read again the email below that I sent to you on 8th December 2023. The information clearly lists out the *Conflicts of interest in decision making as a councillor, and what in public law is known as 'apparent bias', are an established part of the local government legal landscape.* To clarify; If an agenda item relates to one of your interests, such as the one last night, you must not participate in the discussion or vote. The declaration of interests at meetings is intended to give the public confidence in the council's decision making. You participated in the debate and voted on this matter which was improper and a breach of the Code of Conduct hence this email to remind you of the rules of the council.

It is not for the clerk or individual councillors to challenge whether or not a fellow councillor has a pecuniary interest. It is for each councillor to follow and comply with the rules as laid out in the Code of Conduct. I can confirm that failure to disclose a pecuniary interest would amount to an offence. As you will be aware, the process for submitting a Code of Conduct complaint is referenced on the DC website.

Kind regards

Brie

From: Lester Dibben <LDibben@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 December 2024 11:24
To: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Cc: STC Councillors <STCCouncillorsNEW@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; cllrjack.jeanes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk;

Cllr. Derek Beer <cllrderek.beer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Council Tax - external auditor report - STC non compliance - PFK

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Madam Clerk,

I have raised the need for a re-write of the STC code of conduct which will enable us to better manage poor conduct and vexatious conduct, Ref: the code of conduct authority letter of April the 30th 2021 which advises STC should improve this code in order for the authority to better deal with poor conduct, they could not deal with a racist act because our code was not good enough.

I assume STC received this advice.

I note NOLAN and Respect & Civility, but these should be enshrined together with tougher conduct rules which are automatically signed up to on 'acceptance of office'.

I am concerned that a breach of what is called, 'material interests' in declarations, publicly claimed to be criminal, has not been dealt with, i note the claim was made to cause hurt rather than properly being put to the police, 'If True'.

Please provide the evidence to all members if it exists, and advise what action needs to be taken for both the act and the failure to report a known crime.

Regards Cllr L Dibben

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 10:34:41 AM

To [REDACTED]

Cc: STC Councillors <STCCouncillorsNEW@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; cllrjack.jeanes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <cllrjack.jeanes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>; Cllr. Derek Beer <cllrderek.beer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Council Tax - external auditor report - STC non compliance - PFK

Dea [REDACTED]

Your screenshot below relates to the External Auditor findings from 2020.

The External Audit report from 2023/2024 was only closed off last week by BDO (due to the volume of elector queries). This information will be reported in to STC in January. There were **NO** findings in relation to governance breaches however there is one recommendation which is as follows:

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From: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 December 2024 13:55
To: STC Councillors
Cc: Shaftesbury Town Council Office
Subject: RE: Mampitts Advisory Committee - Member Selection

Dear Peter and other councillors for information

As you have copied in all councillors to the email you sent this morning, in the spirit of transparency I have included all members of STC in my response.

I have emailed you consistently since July 2022 in relation to either your unacceptable conduct, which is breach of the Civility and Respect Pledge, and your ongoing breach of the Code of Conduct in relation to your Register of Interests. I have summarised these excerpts from the regular communication with you in the table below.

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Mrs Logan,

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It is thanks to me and the residents in the ML CLT that a community facility is due to happen at Mampitts Lane at all. Not STC.

Left to STC we'd have a BMX track and a road through the community land to the adjacent fields that Cllr Proctor (mates of Cllrs Brown, Chase, Hollingshead, Edwyn-Jones) secretly bought in 2018 / 19 along with Langdale Farm and failed to declare, and on which he wants to build 20 luxury houses but needs an access road.

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As everyone will have notice, anything said in June 2024 about it being a new council with a new ethos and new profession ways of working simply is not true. It's the same old highly improper and dysfunctional STC.

Regards,

Councillor Peter Yeo
East Ward
Shaftesbury Town Council
Tel 07879490893

On 19 Dec 2024, at 09:34, Brie Logan <brielogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk> wrote:

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The email below, sent last night was recalled due to an accessibility issue. Therefore the system has been updated and a [new link](#) is provided so that the survey can be accessed by all.

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Many thanks

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Sent: 18 December 2024 17:01
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Subject: Mampitts Advisory Committee - Member Selection

Dear All,

Following the resolution at Full Council last night, please follow the link below to select the four members you wish to see as part of the Mampitts Advisory Committee.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ahkJHv4cNA>

Deadline for responses is 2nd January 2025 at 12noon.

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I have not copied this email to other town councillors.

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From: Peter Yeo <PYeo@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: 19 December 2024 10:41

To: Brie Logan <BrieLogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Cc: STC Councillors <STCCouncillorsNEW@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>; Shaftesbury Town Council Office <office@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Mampitts Advisory Committee - Member Selection

Mrs Logan,

Once again, you are misleading the Council and biased.

I have declared that I am a trustee of The Mampitts Lane Community Land Trust CIO.

This is not declaring an interesting in relation to the town council's unwanted scheme that was launched to sabotage the scheme that a excellent team of residents put together because STC did not want a community hall at Mampitts Lane.

This is declaring that I am a trustee of the residents' charity, as one has to.

A charity which residents set up to get the neighbourhood hall facility that they were promised when they bought their houses on the Eastern Development and that I, as their elected STC representative, have been fighting to ensure they get since May 2019 - when you informed me that STC do not want a community hall at Mampitts Lane and wanted to spend the S106 money elsewhere in Shaftesbury !

It is thanks to me and the residents in the ML CLT that a community facility is due to happen at Mampitts Lane at all. Not STC.

Left to STC we'd have a BMX track and a road through the community land to the adjacent fields that Cllr Proctor (mates of Cllrs Brown, Chase, Hollingshead, Edwyn-Jones) secretly bought in 2018 / 19 along with Langdale Farm and failed to declare, and on which he wants to build 20 luxury houses but needs an access road.

The fact that STC cobbled together an ill thought out and unwanted design in 2022 that destroys the Eastern Development's green space / village green in front of the trees and blocks the views of the countryside, is down to STC and certain councillors who set out to sabotage the CLT's excellent design proposal (supported by a petition of 720 local adults and children to Dorset council) is disgusting and has contributed greatly to the total lack of respect residents have for STC.

Why are you not informing all the councillors of the numerous Councillors who are predetermined and have major conflicts of interests and should not be involved at all ?

Chase, Brown, Hollingshead, Edwyn-Jones, Wild, Loader? All of who either voted not to support the residents excellent scheme and s106 application then in 2021 (cllr Wild was not on the council then) or have been part of the Mampitts Advisory/Sabotage Committee that ignored the residents wishes and came up with a unwanted and ill-thought-out scheme that destroys their village green with a car park and 2 story hall of poor design that blocks the views of the countryside and all of which has no petitioned support and ignored all objections?

Why are you not pointing out that limiting the number of councillors and setting up a ridiculous online vote to enable pre-determined councillors to fix which councillors can be on a working group continues to make STC a laughing stock and an is highly improper and exclusive?

As everyone will have notice, anything said in June 2024 about it being a new council with a new ethos and new profession ways of working simply is not true. It's the same old highly improper and dysfunctional STC.

Regards,

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On 19 Dec 2024, at 09:34, Brie Logan <brielogan@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning all

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The email below, sent last night was recalled due to an accessibility issue. Therefore the system has been updated and a [new link](#) is provided so that the survey can be accessed by all.

Before completing the survey, please read through the following statement.

Councillor Yeo has officially declared an interest in relation to the Mampitts project and this is shown on the Dorset Council register of interests. As such, when selecting the committee membership, it is important for all councillors to consider this conflict of interest. While the advisory committee does not make decisions, the concept of 'apparent bias' in public law is well-established within the local government legal framework. This ensures transparency and maintains public trust in our processes.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Brie

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From: Sybille Maddock
Sent: 18 December 2024 17:01
To: STC Councillors <STCCouncillorsNEW@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: Mampitts Advisory Committee - Member Selection

Dear All,

Following the resolution at Full Council last night, please follow the link below to select the four members you wish to see as part of the Mampitts Advisory Committee.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ahkJHv4cNA>

Deadline for responses is 2nd January 2025 at 12noon.

Many Thanks
Kind regards

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