



**MINUTES OF THE VEXATIOUS AND HABITUAL COMPLAINTS
COMMITTEE MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 26th March 2026 commencing at 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors: C Dear (Chair), E Litchfield, K Marlow, A Devine,
T Duffy, W Bates, P Johnson, S Niedajadlo, A Sykes, T Smith, J Harvey

Apologies: None
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 0

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council
NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting. It was confirmed that no one was.

Action by

VHC26/01 To Elect a Chair of the Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Devine as Chair of the Vexatious and Habitual Complaints Committee.

VHC26/02 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
Declarations of interest were received from Cllr C Dear, K Marlow, T Duffy, A Sykes, and J Harvey who are all either related to or friends with the Vexatious complainant.

VHC26/03 To receive - Apologies for absence
None

Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)

In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2) the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllrs C Dear, K Marlow, T Duffy, A Sykes, and J Harvey who are all either related to or friends with the Vexatious complainant, declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this agenda item was discussed.

VHC26/04 To discuss and agree – response to Formal Preservation Notice from resident

Cllr Bates entered the meeting at 6.37pm

The Clerk had taken professional advice from Breakthrough Communications and they had drafted a response to the 'Formal Preservation Notice' received. There was no legality to this and a further attempt to harass the Parish Council.

The suggested response was read out by the Chair and it was **resolved** to send this response, with an amendment to the second to last paragraph.

VHC26/05 To discuss and agree– Publication of FOI requests on the Parish Council Website
The Clerk upon professional advice from Breakthrough Communication recommended the Committee publish all FOI requests on the Parish Council website. This would not only provide the transparency of data, but would show the harassment that the Parish Council is subject to.
It was **resolved** to publish all FOI requests and responses on the Parish Council Website.

VHC26/06 To adopt – FOI Strategy (Emailed out 20th March 2026)

Subject to a few minor amendments noted by the Clerk
It was **resolved** to adopt the FOI Strategy.

VHC26/07 To adopt – ‘Recording of Parish Council Meetings Policy’ (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** to adopt the ‘Recording of Parish Council Meetings Policy’

It was also noted that individuals/residents at Parish Council meetings need to be made aware that they are being recorded by a member of the public and can request not to be.

Meeting closed at 6.59pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____