

	EGM on The Green	Visit to flood problem	Leaked emails	Gateway scheme unlawful	Comments about the chairman
C1	yes	yes	yes		yes
C2	yes		yes	yes	yes
C3		yes	yes	yes	yes
C4			yes		yes

EGM on The Green (1 of 2)	
Complainant:C1	Response
<p><i>... a growing level of mistrust and lack of confidence in the process of SPC and in particular its inability to deal with ... monies from a delegated budget in support of Sambourne Village Gateway Scheme.</i></p> <p><i>During the course of the EGM, I tried to raise questions pertaining to these issues. However I was told repeatedly to "shut up and sit down" by a very aggressive and petulant Dr Clews. He clearly did not want me or ██████, the only member of public there, to raise legitimate questions. Dr Clews' demeanour was threatening, intimidatory and made both ██████ and me, feel very uncomfortable.</i></p> <p><i>At the end of the EGM, Dr Clews who was clearly in a very distressed state, advanced towards me, within less than one metre distance with a contorted expression, waved paperwork at me</i></p>	<p>Delegated budget does not work this way. Every aspect was controlled by WCC.</p> <p>I simply do not recognize this account. The meeting was arranged with full compliance with covid restrictions. There was an agreed agenda for the meeting which was solely to sign off two official documents. This person [C1] had several outbursts each displaying a marked lack of self-control in public. He was called to order three times and was told to sit down and be quiet. He and ██████ [C2] then chanted "You're so rude" at the chairman. After the meeting was closed a discussion was proposed by the chairman to better understand why he needed to rant. He accepted and it very soon became apparent we were in for a repeat tantrum,</p> <p>.</p> <p>Both episodes were witnessed by the full PC, the clerk and the County Councillor. Yet he [C1] simply cites ██████ [C2] as witness. Why? There were five others present.</p> <p>I sought permission to reveal their email addresses to the MO to corroborate my statements. This was done. They confirmed my statements.</p>

EGM on The Green (2 of 2)	
Complainant:C2	Response
<p><i>... I witnessed Dr Clews verbally attacking [C1], ranting very aggressively, telling him "You are out of order, sit down and shut up" [C1] kept calm throughout this meeting, merely pointing out shortcomings in the recent process of the Sambourne Village Gateway Scheme, which has subsequently now been deemed as 'unlawful' and therefore currently suspended.</i></p> <p><i>Further, on the same date, I witnessed Dr Clews jump out of his seat and charge towards [C1], frantically waving his handful of papers, shouting aggressively and invading the 1 metre space set by the Covid 19 guidelines. This was intimidating and again, hardly the behaviour of a Chairman. I was appalled by his actions. I was the only witness to this as both Cllr P Taaffe and Cllr C Rickhards were engaged in a private discussion a few feet away, however I did record what I heard on my phone. The other two Cllrs and the Clerk had chosen to leave the meeting many minutes earlier!</i></p>	<p>This description is at variance with 5 witness statements and my account.</p> <p>[C1] suffered a loss of self-control – far from “calm”.</p> <p>The scheme was temporarily halted; WCC had been supplied by the complainant with incomplete information, SPC submitted the relevant omissions and WCC revised their decision and restarted the scheme.</p> <p>This description is also at variance with 5 witness statements and my account.</p>

EGM on The Green Sambourne - Monitoring Officer's comments and conclusions
<p>...five witnesses appear to blame C1 for the disruption of the meeting. They use phrases of C1 like “repeatedly interrupted” ...”ranting” and “really quite aggressive and very unpleasant” ...”more and more aggressive and agitated” ...”complete loss of self-control” and “tantrum”.</p> <p>C1 can hardly be surprised ...that he was repeatedly asked and, eventually, told to sit down.</p> <p>...both councillors raised their voices during the EGM but that it was initiated by C1's behaviour rather than that of Cllr Clews.</p> <p>Given the date of Cllr Clews' complaint against C1 it seems at least possible that there may have been a “tit-for-tat” element in C1's later complaint against him.</p> <p>Conclusion: no breach.</p>