

	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

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Complainant:C2	Response
<p>Many residents showed a complete lack of awareness of the Sambourne Village Gateway Scheme and were interested to learn more...after much debate, one of the contributors (not myself or my husband) was called upon to visit Dr Clews and retract many of her comments!</p> <p>Furthermore, [C1] was reprimanded by Dr Clews, over some of his comments (I am not aware of a requirement to stipulate that he is a Cllr, as is evidenced by many local Cllrs in this area), and subsequently I therefore added my own comments in his absence. Very soon after that, another Cllr requested one of the Administrators take down the whole post.....all 121 comments...these were mainly of concerned residents seeking clarification of the Scheme....and so many questions put to the 'project leader' therefore have still gone unanswered. This amounts to controlling and very little regard for the views of the residents</p>	<p>Why was it not announced on social media – after all C1 was an administrator on S&MM Facebook. Discussions appeared in SPC minutes and updated drawings from WCC were displayed on notice boards and village website.</p> <p>This person is a friend of mine. I pointed out that many of her comments/suggestions were not possible at the present time. She visited me to discuss matters further. She then removed some of the postings.</p> <p>Recommended that when posting on social media a councillor makes it clear “which hat they are wearing”.</p> <p>Many of these were not seeking clarification. As the scheme progressed, the latest drawings were displayed on the website and in the notice boards.</p>

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Complainant:C3	Response
<p><i>The Gateway scheme has caused a great deal of unrest amongst the residents of the parish of Sambourne, where it has become very clear that the chairman of the council has not been trans with the decisions that he has chosen to make without the full parish council being involved. Choosing to ignore the advice from WDC to suit his own ideas.</i></p> <p><i>There is a huge amount of money involved. There are two questions here; If he isn't transparent regards a large amount of money which is for the benefit of the whole of the Parish and how HE chooses to distribute it then I question decisions of a lot lesser nature.</i></p>	<p>All decisions were made by SPC - by majority vote as necessary.</p> <p>WCC cannot be ignored – specifically they are responsible for the gateway scheme and the delegated budget.</p> <p>Delegated budget does not work this way. Gateway scheme was funded by delegated budget – outside SPC remit, totally controlled by WCC. Unsure of the logic in the last statement...</p>

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We further conclude that the Parish Council behaved with propriety insofar as it had responsibility for oversight and governance of the project and that the Scheme is not “illegal”.

... [W]e must also recognise that the influence the Parish Council and residents were able to have on the design was relatively small ... The County Council had both the expertise and the final say.

An officer at WCC sent to C1 and copied to SPC the following “...there is a collaborative approach ... but ultimately we do not require Parish Council approval. We shall continue with the Scheme as we feel appropriate.”

Conclusion: no breach of code of conduct.