

### Final statement to COM364

The subject of this complaint is the contents of the screenshots of historical posts from 2019, that were taken from my personal, and not my Councillor facebook page and it is only on these posts where the focus should be.

It is obvious by those screenshots of my posts from my personal facebook page provided in the complaint that I was not acting, claiming to act or giving the impression that I was acting as a representative of Spennymoor Town Council. This is because there is no mention of me being a Councillor or the mention of Spennymoor Town Council in those posts and I was acting in my capacity of a private person.

With acting in my capacity of a private person on my personal facebook page and expressing my personal views on national and international issues, I was not governed by Spennymoor Town Council's Code of Conduct. Therefore, I did not breach Section 2.4(j) of the code, so, because I was not governed by the code, there is no need to discuss the contents of those posts or the subjective opinions of the Investigating Officer.

I was elected on to Spennymoor Town Council in 2019, and it is fair to say that I am a very pro-active Councillor and try to do my best, so everyone in the community will benefit. I would also say, because I am a pro-active Councillor and I do try to do my best that this is the reason why I was re-elected back onto Spennymoor Town Council and elected onto Durham County Council.

There has been no evidence provided by the complainant that whilst acting in my capacity of a Town Councillor that I have breached Section 2.4(j) of the Code of Conduct. However, I have provided evidence that whilst acting in my capacity of a Town Councillor that I assisted an Indian business owner with a drainage issue, so I do treat people with respect.

I believe this complaint is part of the wider vendetta against me that has seen another five complaints made against me since being re-elected onto Spennymoor Town Council in May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Pete Molloy

