

**FORM A      PARISH COUNCILLOR .....**

Please enter the number of any paragraph where you disagree with the findings of fact in the Investigator's report, and give your reasons and your suggested alternative.

**Parish Councillor's response to the evidence set out in the Investigation report**

Paragraph number from the Investigation report	Reasons for disagreeing with the findings of fact provided in that paragraph	Suggestion as to how the paragraph should read
4	I have provided evidence of a long-standing relationship with Martin Mere through my work with OPTSA. I remember very clearly that the request for a meeting came via phone from Ms. Fellowes and made only a reference to 'tourism development'. I assumed this would be a continuation of similar earlier discussions.	The only correct finding is that I attended as a member of OPSTA, in continuation of previous discussions.
4	If the above evidence is accepted, then the code of conduct cannot apply to the meeting on June 30 2016.	Reference to the meeting on June 30, 2016 should be deleted.
4	Alternatively, if the code of conduct does apply to this meeting, then I rebut the description of the meeting by Mr. Brookes. There was a frank exchange of views. Specifically, his summary dismissal of the 2 points I was concerned about would suggest only a robust disagreement, not rudeness.	Reference to the meeting on June 30, 2016 should be deleted.

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**FORM B**      **PARISH COUNCILLOR .....**

Please set out below, using the numbered paragraphs, any other evidence you feel is relevant to the allegation made about you.

**Other evidence relevant to the complaint**

Paragraph number	Details of the evidence
1	A copy of an OPSTA leaflet sent as files cx.1 and cx.2 which, among a general outline of OPSTA activities described previous efforts to promote Martin Mere.
2	In Appendix E of the examiner's report, the submission by Cllr. Crawford, para. 7 it states that I 'was not able to get my way'. This is in fact the one documented example of the chairman's failure to follow standing orders.
3	<p>The reference to 'shooting the geese' was meant solely as a humorous comment. It was not my original idea. With the number of planning applications in the area being delayed by issues over the geese it has become a joke in the village. Someone sent me this link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.icelandhuntingguide.com/pink-footed-goose-hunting/">http://www.icelandhuntingguide.com/pink-footed-goose-hunting/</a></p>
4	<p>I have concerns about the concept of branding Burscough as the 'Home of the Whooper Swan'. I made 2 points to Mr. Brookes during the meeting of June 30, 2016.</p> <p>The first is a basic disagreement about this particular branding, This email is typical of the comments I have received:</p> <p>I have been aware of this idea of branding</p>

Burscough for some time. But branding our village with a lie has to be the worst idea possible. Burscough is not the 'home' of the Whooper Swan, no matter how much Martin Mere would like it to be.

The whooper swan's origins are from Iceland and is the national bird of Finland.

What is the connection to Burscough apart from Martin Mare where these migrate for a few months a year before returning to Iceland?

Burscough has a great history from Farming (the origin of the area), Military (Army Ordnance Depot, HMS Ringtail, Remount Depot), Transport (railways, canal), and many industries etc.....

Surely there must be something there in Burscough's history that can be used to 'brand' Burscough.

Sorry that I don't agree with 'Home of the Whooper Swan', its dreadful. Please come up with some other options for 'branding' Burscough and let the PEOPLE of Burscough decide (maybe by a vote). Even put the idea out on social media to gain valuable feedback to actually see what people think.

Regards

(name removed)

Mr. Brookes was totally dismissive of this view, claiming it was 'not unique'. A quick search of the Internet would equally show that the Whooper

	<p>Swan is not unique to Burscough.</p> <p>The second relates to the benefit to Burscough of such a branding. This is an extract from a statement made by Mr. Brookes to the Champion:</p> <p>“Lancaster University's business school did a research project and found that Martin Mere was worth £5million a year to the local economy – we need to make use of this money in the village.”</p> <p>I have seen a report by Lancaster University on a similar theme. I do not claim it is the same report, but it possibly is. In the report I have seen, the geographical area covered is considerably wider than Burscough. It certainly includes Southport and may go as far as Liverpool. Therefore the figure of £5m is not the amount spent in the Burscough local economy. Mr. Brookes was unwilling to even consider the point.</p>
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**FORM C     PARISH COUNCILLOR .....**

**Representations to be taken into account if a Parish Councillor  
is found to have failed to follow the Code of Conduct**

Please set out below, using the numbered paragraphs, any factors  
that the Hearing Sub-Committee should take into account if it finds  
that a Parish Councillor has failed to follow the Code of Conduct.

**Please note that no such finding has been made yet.**

Paragraph number	Factors for the Sub-Committee to take into account when deciding whether to sanction any censure, restriction of resources or allowances, suspension or partial suspension
1	<p>I have accepted the charge of being rude to the chairman of the parish council. This arose from frustration from the consistent failure of the chairman to follow standing orders which had built up over time.</p> <p>However, the chairman Mr. Bullen has recently resigned from the parish council. I therefore see no possibility of a recurrence of my action.</p>
2	<p>I will make this commitment. I will never in the future attend any meetings where Mr. Brookes is present, other than taking part in normal parish council discussions. Based on quite a history with Mr. Brookes, where I have found him to be aggressive and difficult – both at Martin Mere and his previous post at Rufford Old Hall, I really don't wish to expose myself to this again.</p>
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# FORM D

## Arrangements for the Sub-Committee Hearing

Please tick the relevant boxes and return to Member Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

<b>1</b>	<b>Are you planning to attend the sub-committee hearing on the proposed date in the accompanying letter?</b>  If ' <b>No</b> ', please explain why.	<b>Yes</b> x <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reason:</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Are you going to present your own case?</b>	<b>Yes</b> x <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>If you are not presenting your own case, will a representative present it for you?</b>  If ' <b>Yes</b> ', please state the name of your representative.	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Is your representative a practising solicitor or barrister?</b>  If ' <b>Yes</b> ', please give their legal qualifications. Then go to <b>Question 6</b> .  If ' <b>No</b> ' please go to <b>Question 5</b> .	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Qualifications:</b>



<b>5</b>	<p>Does your representative have any connection with your case?</p> <p>If <b>'Yes'</b>, please give details.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Are you going to call any witnesses?</p> <p>If <b>'Yes'</b>, please fill in Form E.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No x <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<b>7</b>	<p>Do you, your representative or your witnesses have any access difficulties? For example, is wheelchair access needed?</p> <p>If <b>'Yes'</b>, please give details.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No x <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>Do you, your representative or witnesses have any special needs?</p> <p>For example, is an interpreter needed?</p> <p>If <b>'Yes'</b> please give details</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No x <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Do you want any part of the hearing to be held in private?</p> <p>If <b>'Yes'</b>, please give reasons.</p>	<p>Yes x <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Reasons:</p> <p>Because of possible legal actions being taken against certain persons named in the papers for this complaint, I request that any reference to discussions on Burscough Football Club be held in private.</p>

<b>10</b>	Do you want any part of the relevant documents to be withheld from public inspection?	Yes x <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reasons:</b> For the same reasons as above, I request that any part of the documents relating to Burscough Football Club be withheld.
	If ' <b>Yes</b> ', please give reasons.	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

## FORM E

### Details of proposed witnesses to be called

Name of witness or witnesses	1		
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<b>Witness 1</b>			
<b>a</b>	Will the witness give evidence about the allegation?  If ' <b>Yes</b> ', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outline of evidence:</b>  

<b>b</b>	<p>Will the witness give evidence about what action the standards committee should take if it finds that the Code of Conduct has not been followed?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Outline of evidence:</p>
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## Witness 2

<b>a</b>	<p>Will the witness give evidence about the allegation?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Outline of evidence:</p>
<b>b</b>	<p>Will the witness give evidence about what action the standards committee should take if it finds that the Code of Conduct has not been followed?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Outline of evidence:</p>

### Witness 3

<b>a</b>	<p>Will the witness give evidence about the allegation?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Outline of evidence:</p>
<b>b</b>	<p>Will the witness give evidence about what action the standards committee should take if it finds that the Code of Conduct has not been followed?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide an outline of the evidence the witness will give.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Outline of evidence:</p>

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