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Councillor Conduct

At a meeting of Croxley Green Parish Council on Thursday 30 March, Councillors considered a report from the Council's HR Committee into the ongoing behaviour of Cllr Robert Ridley. The committee discussed specific allegations in regards to Cllr Ridley's behaviour on local social media pages, which had been seen to be bringing the Council into disrepute, and an allegation of harassment via e-mail from a fellow councillor.

Councillors were made aware that this was not the first time allegations had been brought against Cllr Ridley and that in 2013 he had been considered to be a habitual and vexatious complainant due to his disregard for the Council's policies, procedure and protocols.

Council discussed the matter at some length and agreed that Cllr Ridley was in breach of the recently adopted Croxley Green Parish Council Social Media Policy, its Code of Conduct and Media Relations Policy.

More specifically Cllr Ridley had been seen trying to undermine public confidence in the Council, had been sending e-mails that were causing upset, concern & misunderstanding, and that Cllr Ridley had been misrepresenting the Council and the services it provides whilst compromising all the good work done by his fellow Councillors and the staff.

As a result it was decided that Cllr Ridley will have his official Council e-mail removed; be banned from commenting on official Croxley Green Parish Council social media pages; is restricted to one medium of contact with the Council which is to be in writing only (paper) to the Chairman or Clerk of the Council; is banned from entering the Council building except to attend the full monthly meeting of the Council.

The matter is to be reviewed in 12 months.

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