

COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLOR TURTLE

WOKINGHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Decision

Following a complaint against Councillor Turtle in her capacity as Wokingham Without Parish councillor, an assessment was conducted into the allegations which centred on the arrangements for administering the Pinewood Community Orchard and the subsequent attempts of the clerk to regularise matters.

Whilst there was no evidence of financial irregularity, it was concluded that two aspects of Wokingham Without Parish Council's Code of Conduct had been not been met:-

Clause 1.2 - Respect - "I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect for the role they play."

Clause 9.1 – Interests as a councillor - "I register and disclose my interests."

Councillor Turtle has been asked to make a written apology to the complainant, partake in mediation with the complainant, and to correct the entry in her register of interests relating to the Pinewood Community Orchard.

In accordance with Rule 9.1.13.3 of the Borough Council's Constitution, the decision notice was published on the Council's website on 8 January 2026. A copy of the decision notice has been sent to the complainant, the Subject Member, and the Independent Person. Wokingham Without Parish Council has been requested to report the decision to its next Council meeting.