

COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLOR MASSERON

SHINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Decision

Following a complaint against Councillor Masseron, an assessment was conducted into allegations which centred on email correspondence sent by Councillor Masseron to all parish councillors criticising the actions and advice of the Parish Clerk.

This was contrary to Shinfield Parish Council's Code of Conduct which states:-

- 1.8.1 – Councillors must not behave in a way which a reasonable person would regard as disrespectful to others

In addition, the following aspects of the Council's Member/Officer Protocol were concluded to have been breached:

- The Nolan principles apply and that "These principles emphasise mutual respect, impartiality and professionalism"
- That there should be "constructive communication" and
- "Members may robustly challenge ideas, proposals and policies, but must not direct personal criticism, attacks or offensive behaviour towards individuals"

Councillor Masseron has been asked to make a written apology to the complainant, and partake in mediation with the complainant.

In accordance with Rule 8.9.13.3 of the Borough Council's Constitution, the decision notice was published on the Council's website on 6 July 2026. A copy of the decision notice has been sent to the complainant, the Subject Member, and the Independent Person. Shinfield Parish Council has been requested to report the decision to its next Council meeting.