

7th SEPTEMBER 2021



**BABERGH MID SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE
DECISIONS NOTICE**

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH MID SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS SUB
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Sub Committee:

Councillor Paul Ekpenyong (Chair)
Councillor John Matthissen
Councillor Mike Norris

Complainants:

Mr Don Lovelock – Parish Clerk to Long Melford Parish Council
Councillor L Tipper of Long Melford Parish Council
Councillor R Delderfield of Long Melford Parish Council

Subject Member:

Councillor C Michette of Long Melford Parish Council

Officers:

E Yule – Monitoring Officer, Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council
J Snell - Deputy Monitoring Officer, Babergh/ Mid Suffolk District Council
J Robinson - Deputy Monitoring Officer, Babergh/ Mid Suffolk District Council

In Attendance on behalf of the Subject Member:

Mr Heselden – Representative for Councillor C Michette

On the 7th September 2021 the Joint Standards Sub Committee for Babergh and Mid Suffolk had met to consider why Councillor Carol Michette had not complied with the sanctions imposed by the Monitoring Officer.

The Monitoring Officer had previously investigated four complaints received regarding Councillor

C Michette's conduct as a Parish Councillor of Long Melford Parish Council.

The complaints were investigated by the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Independent Persons were consulted and breaches of the Suffolk Code of Conduct were upheld for all four complaints.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer imposed sanctions on Councillor C Michette.

Councillor C Michette has not complied with any of the sanctions imposed on her.

The Joint Standards Sub Committee considered the mitigations put forward by Councillor C Michette's representative as to why she had not complied with any of the sanctions

Decision

That sanctions which relate to written apologies to be made to the Clerk of Long Melford Parish Council be stayed for 1 month from the date of the hearing. If Councillor C Michette has not instigated legal proceedings as detailed in her mitigation during that period, the sanctions should be complied with.

That sanctions relating to the establishment of both a member/officer protocol and a protocol for accessing the parish council offices by Long Melford Parish Council be reinforced and actioned.

That sanctions relating to training to be undertaken should be reinforced and actioned.

That sanctions relating to the complaint from Councillor Tipper be upheld and a written apology be sent to Councillor Tipper, copying in the Monitoring Officer, as soon as possible.

Emily Yule
Monitoring Officer

Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council