

John Morgan

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to me, Mark, Rob, Kathy, Cynthia, MARTIN, Philippa, Gary

Dear Mrs Davidson

I have today had sight of the draft minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2018.

I must say that I am amazed by the statement from the Chairman at item 205, where he states that *"these attacks were unacceptable and will not be tolerated"* - apparently in response to members of the public raising valid concerns about the perceived mismanagement by the Council of works around Bluntisham. His statement also mentions criticism regarding the long term provision of services to the elderly & infirm, although I can find no reference to this subject earlier in the minutes.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public to give residents the opportunity to question or raise concerns and complaints with the Council. That is the purpose of the open forum and residents can rightly question the actions of the Council. Although what is said may be uncomfortable for councillors, unless abusive in nature, it is something that the Council must tolerate.

The arrogance of the Chairman's statement seems to suggest that the Parish Council has now adopted a Politburo approach. Couple this with the failure of our district councillors to stand up and be counted on the recent planning and housing issues - it all leaves a lot to be desired.

This is not a police state and villagers have a democratic right to question Council activities and how public money is spent. I suggest the Chairman grows a thicker skin, or if he particularly dislikes having to listen to opposing views and objections maybe get a job in the HDC Planning Department!

Please ensure that my email is included in 'correspondence received' at the next PC meeting agenda and read out when the item is discussed.

Regards

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John Morgan