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Subject: Potential Whistleblow & Now Report of a Potential Crime Being Committed - Lies

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Dear Caroline

After a much needed two week break over Christmas I have returned to work today to the following email chain and attached 'blog' in my inbox.

Needless to say I am somewhat perturbed by the pack of lies peddled by Mr Strangeway, before I go on please let me assure you that at no time over the Christmas period have my husband and I been to Wales. In fact the only time we have been to Wales in the last year was in the summer to organise a move for my mother to Yorkshire (when Covid regulations allowed us to).

I would now like to tackle the outright lies and other mistakes in the 'blog' and other emails one by one (bare with me, there are many).

1. I have confirmed above that my husband and I did not visit Wales over the Christmas period.
2. I have no idea where the comment about me being 'vocal and poisonous' came from as I rarely post on social media and have seen very few people since the beginning of lockdown in March.
3. I have never 'insisted' I work from home, I have always worked from home for my Parishes and I visit the Town Council office when necessary (at least once a week) and can access all systems remotely. Also, I am always available on my mobile phone.
4. The details of the grievance are incorrect, I have not raised a grievance against any Council. Any individual should be able to raise a grievance without fear of reprisals.
5. Both my husband and I have been working from home since March with my son returning from University and continuing his studies at home. During this period, the only time there has been no one at home was in the summer when we took our daily exercise and went out for a walk. Since the onset of Autumn/Winter there has not been a moment where the house has been empty (as the many delivery drivers can attest). There is no way that we would not have noticed 23 separate residents knocking at our door and why

would our neighbours tell complete strangers that we were not at home leaving us open to crime? I would also be surprised if any of my Councillors would say this for the same reason. To my mind there are only two explanations for this: a) it is a complete fabrication and b) they were knocking on the wrong door. I also find it concerning that residents of Pocklington would make an unnecessary trip from Pocklington to Full Sutton.

6. I do not earn anywhere near £40,000 (I wish!). Is this a breach in data protection legislation?
7. Fangfoss with Bolton Parish Council is one Council, not two.
8. I do not work for Wetwang Parish Council.
9. The photograph used in the blog is not my husband, it is in fact a resident.

Items of concern to us are:

1. In one of his emails Mr Strangeway asks 'residents' to divulge our personal email addresses, could this be inciting people to break data protection legislation?
2. This email chain has been forwarded a number of times to persons unknown to us, Mr Strangeway has advertised that our property may be empty leaving us open to crime.
3. I have been informed that Mr Strangeway has 'blogged' that he has broken the rules on a number of occasions, maybe this warrants investigation?

This has been a particularly distressing situation as my husbands mother was taken into hospital just before Christmas and due to regulations we could not go and visit, to now read our characters being defamed like this is disgusting.

We can only hope that given all these facts Mr Strangeway, as someone who claims he values transparency, sees sense and prints a retraction on his 'blog' and sends us a written apology (We won't hold our breath though). We also hope in the future that Mr Strangeway fact checks his articles before publishing and looks into the credibility of his informants.

We would also like an apology from A Denures for causing us unnecessary stress. Both are blind copied into this email along with the Chairmen of all my Councils.

We cannot understand where this has all come from and needless to say we will not be resigning.

Regards

Claire & Adam Findlay

**From:** Andy Strangeway  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 3:29 PM  
**To:** clerk@fspc.org.uk  
**Subject:** Right To Reply

Dear Claire and Adam,

I would like to congratulate you both for demonstrating that your knowledge of DPA is still lacking.

It is inappropriate for a Parish Councillor and a Parish Clerk, and a breach of the Code of Conduct for a Parish Councillor, to make a false allegation against a resident "*he has broken the rules on a number of occasions*" and publish it by stating this in an email. Please provide an unreserved signed apology with immediate effect.

Regards the grievance – shall we just leave it at this or should I dig a little further? The choice is yours. Please advise.

I note "no time over the Christmas period have my husband and I been to Wales". Should I take this as confirmation that as of December 30 "has breached the tier rules on many occasions and is currently in Wales" is correct but in a different location than Wales? Please advise or should I dig a little deeper?

Could you please explain why you have used your Council email address for personal use? I note "Regards, Claire & Adam Findlay" Not Claire Findlay Clerk and Councillor Adam Findlay.

I invite your right to reply by 18.00 today.

Regards,

Andy Strangeway

**From:** FSPC clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 5:20 PM  
**To:** Andy Strangeway  
**Subject:** Re: Right To Reply

Dear Mr Strangeway

I will not be entering into any further communication with you on this matter.

Regards  
Claire Findlay

Sent from my iPad