

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL - HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF DECISION**

Local Assessment Case No. EFDC 3/2009

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting on 26 July 2010, the Hearings Sub-Committee considered a complaint that Parish Councillor David Joslin of Nazeing Parish Council had failed to follow the Parish Council's Members' Code of Conduct.

The complainant had alleged that following a Nazeing Parish Council meeting on 25 September 2008 at which as the Parish Council's footpath representative she had reported a blocked right of way, Councillor Joslin who is the joint owner of land over which part of the footpath crosses had confronted her and had threatened to set his dogs on her if she tried to walk the footpath.

Notice is further given that based on the facts the Sub-Committee determined that Councillor Joslin:

- (a) did not bully the complainant;
- (b) did not bring his office of councillor or the Parish Council into disrepute;
- (c) did not use his position as a councillor improperly to confer on or secure for himself an advantage or disadvantage;
- (d) did fail to declare personal and prejudicial interests at the meeting of the Parish Council on 25 September 2008 in relation to the item concerning the public footpath passing through his property;
- (e) did not show due respect to the complainant when confronting her after the Parish Council meeting

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee found that Councillor Joslin had failed to follow the Parish Council's Members' Code of Conduct in relation to the requirements to treat others with respect and to declare personal and prejudicial interests at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 September 2008. The Sub-Committee decided that Councillor Joslin (a) should participate in training being arranged for the Parish Council later in the year on the Code of Conduct and other issues; and (b) should send a letter of apology to the complainant after receiving the agreement of the Monitoring Officer to the wording of the letter.

Councillor Joslin has a right of appeal against the decisions.

Colleen O'Boyle
**Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Hearings Sub-Committee of the Standards
Committee**

5 August 2010