

Complaint GOV 44

Factfinding following Meeting with Councillor Heather Shephard (HS)

And Monitoring Officer

HS advised that she did not know who the quotes were from and this allowed the Parish Councillors to discuss them without worrying about the contractor names. Also she said that she had spoken with the Clerk and the Clerk informed her that the contractor in question had always provided estimates for his work and not quotes.

HS said that she was aware that one of the Councillors was the son in law of one of the contractors. She understood that the Councillor in question had spoken with the LRALC about this matter as they felt that his father in law should not be stopped from getting Parish Council work because of their relationship.

HS advised that everything was open and transparent and nothing was hidden. When they voted on the matter she had no idea there was a tie and as far as she was aware, it was carried and couldn't understand where the detail on the voting came from.

HS advised that she had nothing else to add and would put her hand up if she had done anything wrong.