



## Sambourne Parish Council

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Dear Terry

The inset text is meant to be submitted in its entirety - my reasons need to be stated, not simply the final sentence.

Yes it is wordy and some may think it excessive but I do believe context is necessary. I do talk a lot but at least there is some thought behind what I say.

My presence on SPC has resulted in a exaggerated and unscrupulous campaign on social media over the last 2 years; this has escalated to the point where I cannot expose SPC to any further stress or unmanageable situations.

There has been an orchestrated campaign on S&MM concerning the gateway and the flooding in Middletown Lane. In both these regards the Monitoring Officer has ruled that I acted correctly.

I do appreciate SPC offering their support, not for my views, but for me and the work I have been involved in as Chairman.

This has included: Parish Plan, Speed limit review, provision of website, Community Speedwatch (1st parish in Warwickshire), Superfast Broadband, flooding reduction measures from 2020, the Gateway Scheme for Sambourne, and making the local pub a Community Valued Asset

The private emails between myself and a disloyal and indiscreet ex parish councillor (Mr Bond) were leaked solely to discredit me in the community.

Sadly there was no context to what was an exchange of views but this would not have served his purpose.

It appears we are no longer entitled to express in private, alternative thoughts or ask questions about some matters and events .

Monday's meeting demonstrated the vulnerability of public meetings being hijacked by rent-a-crowd encouraged by social media for nefarious purposes.

I suspect my resignation will not bring to an end these attacks.

I find unworkable the situation whereby a democratic body which conforms to a litany of regulations can effectively be hijacked for personal use.

I hereby tender my formal resignation from Sambourne Parish Council.

Regards  
Dr Chris Clews