

COUNCIL REBUFF OVER RUTHERFORD ALLEGATIONS

At the meeting of Wellesbourne Parish Council 7th July, the Council voted unanimously to seek legal advice following further malicious allegations made by Ian Rutherford about the Council.

Aggrieved Councillors joined unilaterally in challenging what they described as “*a vindictive and vexatious campaign to discredit and blacken the good reputation of both the Council and Councillors*” by Ian Rutherford.

Over a substantial period of time, Ian Rutherford has challenged many decisions of the Council, which have been absolved by the External Auditor in favour of the Council. Each objection raised costs the tax payers of the parish a minimum of £350, more usually around £500, and it is estimated that the final costs could run into several thousand pounds. Other objections had been dismissed by the Freedom of Information Commission and the Standards Board.

Councillors reported that Ian Rutherford was doing his utmost to destroy the Parish Council, something which he had openly stated and was previously reported in the Press. Ian Rutherford was confronted by angry Councillors who were frustrated with the barrage of spurious allegations made by the ex-Councillor, and he was challenged as to why he had not raised the issues with the Council whilst a Councillor himself.

The Clerk said “*Mr Rutherford is costing the good people of Wellesbourne and Walton Parish vast amounts of money and it is now time the Parish Council seek legal opinion on how to stop this needless waste of public funding which could be put to much better use on things such as youth services*”.

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