

Date of conversation: 16th July 2007

Background: Councillor Duddy telephoned Thelma Warwick in response to a letter she had sent to him dated 10th July 2007. The purpose of the letter was to extend an invitation to meet to discuss an allegation made against Councillor Duddy.

Purpose of telephone call: to arrange a meeting.

Notes recorded by Thelma Warwick

1. Following a brief conversation regarding a potential time to meet Councillor Duddy and Thelma Warwick agreed that, at the present time, rather than hold a face to face meeting both were happy to undertake a telephone discussion.
2. Councillor Duddy agreed that the order of interviews and who are interviewed are the decision of the Investigating Officer, that is, Thelma Warwick.
3. Councillor Duddy stated that he has never spoken with Peter Lammas (reporter with the Bromsgrove Advertiser) over the telephone. Furthermore, he has only met Peter Lammas:
 - once or twice at Council meetings; and
 - at the Standards Committee hearing (held on 21st March 2007). When the hearing was adjourned whilst a decision was reached Peter Lammas, Debbie Warren, Councillor Peters and Councillor Duddy chatted.
4. It is clear in Councillor Duddy's mind that he has no case to answer.
5. It was agreed that Thelma Warwick would provide Councillor Duddy (via e-mail) with copies of the following statements:
 - Councillor Peters;
 - Claire Felton; and
 - Debbie Warren.

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James Duddy

Dated:

[ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES DUDDY ON 17TH JULY 2007]