

Councillor William Ashley

We have been advised through the Controlling Officers Department not to include the hundreds of pages of evidence available in this matter. It was suggested and agreed that we submit a bullet point edition for your perusal and if and when required you may wish to view the evidence we have collated in recent times.

Car Storage 90+Vehicles (Adjacent to Cllr Ashley's house) for G.P.Cars – No planning consent for the last five years, attempted obtaining planning permission by 2 certificates of Lawfulness – **withdrawn** and one planning application – **withdrawn** (was applied - not retrospective) **evidence available** but was retrospective! **Enforcement issued January 2014**. Now appealing (at great public expense) saying have had car storage there for 20+ years (Untrue according to the officers) **Evidence available** – Does this mean this Councillor Ashley knowingly bucked the system on the 10 year rule and did not pay business rates for this use. (**Evidence available**)

Garage at Longcroft Used for Head Office of GP Cars – **evidence available**. According to Cllr Ashley planning application for office use was because the business expanded so much at the house of Longcroft that they needed to have use of the upper floor of the garage in addition – not true. According to his tenant, Longcroft has never been used for live work – only the garage - **evidence available**. Garage is/was Head Office for 5 years, opposite Cllr Ashley's front door. **Evidence available** This house is now up for rent again at £54K per annum, available from 1/5/14 **evidence available**. Not as a live/work unit but with the garage on an ordinary rental (live) property.

Workshop and valeting unit not identified in planning terms and or business rate terms. The house Longcroft has not been used in the requirement planning permission was granted for – **evidence available**. As of today 1/5/14 it is not being advertised as a live work unit. - **evidence available**

It appears Longcroft was not built (as per the original permission) evidence in EHDC files not so easy for public access – needs investigation.

The so called Chicken sheds (2012) were not built according to the planning permission – **evidence available**. The chicken sheds were not built according to the design & access statement submitted by Cllr Ashley- **evidence available as well as highlighted by the Mercury Newspaper**

The Chicken Sheds are not rented or advertised as live/work units – **evidence available**

The Chicken Sheds are not rated correctly with EHDC – **evidence available**

The Chicken Sheds have an extra floor – not as permission granted – **evidence available**

The Chicken Sheds have been split into 12 units, not the six permission was granted for – **evidence available**

The Chicken sheds (i.e. Cllr Ashley) received a substantial sum of money (grant) from DEFRA for conversion of the Chicken Sheds. Cllr Ashley has newly built the complex with a live element for units 6 to 12 and the work element being 1 to 6. It appears without proper approval, at an advertised rental rate of approx £2000 per unit per month. It adds up to a substantial sum of money.

It is in these items mentioned above (there are many others), it is believed a PECUNIARY GAIN has been achieved.

During last month (April 2014) it has been established there is another large car sales company operating at Monks Green Farm -A1 Autos – **evidence available**

On searching EHDC planning website so far there appears to be no planning permission for this use and for the building it is housed in. – **evidence available**

Also according to the revenue inspector at EHDC, it too is not listed for business rates and is being investigated accordingly.

Taking into account some of the anomalies at the Monks Green site, as Landlord Cllr Ashley should be aware of what is going on, on the very farm he and his family live on. It therefore remains questionable to what extent his role is in all the alleged goings on at Monks Green Farm.

It must be strongly stated it is not the planning merits of this complaint that are in question, it is whether Cllr Ashley has broken the Code of Conduct, in applying for planning permissions, achieving the planning permissions by evidence given and what he did with those planning permissions when implemented.

Having seriously digested “The Code of Conduct” in essential reference paper “B”. It appears that Cllr Ashley may have broken just about every section of the code, with integrity and objectivity being borderline depending on one’s point of view.

We await your response and further instructions.

Yours sincerely



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