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Sent: 03 February 2022 15:32
To: Paul Campbell
Subject: FOI Review Request Responses
Attachments: Cllr Campbell Review Panel FOI Response dated 3rd Feb 2022.pdf

Dear Cllr Campbell

Please find attached the agreed response from the FOI Review panel which met on the 31st January 2022 to discuss your three outstanding cases.

As I communicated previously, we would much appreciate knowing if you are considering a formal review request to my FOI response dated 31st January in consideration of the 13th October - Health and Safety re Adult Gym Equipment FOI Request, if you wouldn't mind.

Kind regards
John

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Dear Cllr Campbell,

Subject: Review of FOIA Requests

As you have requested, and in accordance with the council's policy as agreed December 2016, a panel of councillors have reviewed the clerk's refusals of your recent requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The results of our review are set out below.

Review Panel: Cllrs Norcross, Young, Lloyd and Northam
Review Date: Monday 31st January 2022

FOI Request regarding Public Liability Insurance Issues.
Original FOI Request Date 10th and 30th September 2021
Refusal Date 3rd December 2021

After reviewing your original FOI request and your subsequent request for review dated 6th December, the panel agreed that the Parish Clerk was correct to refuse your request on the grounds that it is vexatious under Section 14 of the FOIA.

In particular, the panel believed that this request appears to be part of a pattern of frequent and overlapping requests along with other correspondence all targeted at the Parish Clerk against whom you appear to hold a personal grudge. Furthermore, the issue of play equipment and the associated insurance had been discussed at great length in council session and had been concluded; and the panel therefore agreed that your reopening of this issue to be unreasonable.

FOI Request regarding Third Party Claim against SPC
Original FOI Request Date 13th May 2021
Refusal Date 8th November 2021

After reviewing your original FOI request and your subsequent request for review dated 9th November, the panel felt that your request under Section 32 of the FOIA was not relevant as it refers to any court records held by the council, and having checked with the Clerk, there were no relevant court records held by the council at that time.

. Furthermore, the panel is satisfied that there was no third-party claim against the council at the time of your FOI request and that this is still the case, so to submit a FOI request was inappropriate.

If you wish you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office who can be contacted as follows:

Helpline: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Fax: 01625 524510
By post: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
By email: notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk

For and on behalf of Steyning Parish Council, FOI Review Panel