

**From the Mayor of Shaftesbury
and the below signed Councillors**

30 April 2020

Councillor Karen Tippins

Dear Councillor Tippins,

We, the undersigned, are writing formally to request that you resign as a town councillor.

The reason for our request is that, since 18th December 2019 when you signed your Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a councillor, you have failed to meet either the requirements of the Declaration or of the Code of Conduct.

Specifically, it is our assertion supported by documented evidence, that you have consistently breached clause 2.2 (b) *that a councillor must not bully any person*; and clause 2.2(g) *that a councillor must not behave in a way which could reasonably be regarded as bringing their office or the Council into disrepute*.

Due to your conduct since you joined Shaftesbury Town Council, we do not have any confidence that you will work collectively for the good of the community, the Town or of the Council in the future.

It is our intention to summon an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on Tuesday 12th May, 2020 to debate a Motion of No Confidence in you. The papers will be published on Wednesday 6th of May. Those papers will contain the Motion, plus an appendix detailing the evidence to support the Motion, together with a copy of this letter.

Should the Council receive your formal resignation in time for it to be formally accepted by no later than 2pm on Wednesday the 6th of May, 2020, then the Extraordinary Full Council will not be called.

It is with deep regret that we, the undersigned, have decided to take this action, but we feel that relationships between you, the council, our staff and the wider community have been irrevocably damaged. Accordingly, we look forward to receiving your formal resignation.

Yours sincerely,

Signed and agreed by the below named:

Cllr. Tim Cook (Mayor)
Cllr. Piers Brown (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. Alex Chase
Cllr. George Hall
Cllr. Andrew Hollingshead
Cllr. John Lewer
Cllr. Jeanne Loader
Cllr. Philip Proctor
Cllr. Matthew Welch