


1. My name is Joanne Bull and I am a self-employed management consultant living in Fareham with my family.
2. PC Morris and I met Councillor Seán Woodward for the first time in late August 2018. The meeting was arranged because we had written to him as Leader of Fareham Borough Council to ask for assistance in finding a new training ground for The Rockets Motorcycle Display Team. I was aware that he had a very good reputation locally for helping local people and organisations. Councillor Woodward contacted me a few days later to say that he had found us a training ground at Knowle a little outside Fareham Council's area belonging to someone he knew.
3. My next contact with Councillor Woodward was in October 2018. After we had settled into our training ground, I suggested to him that he might visit us at a training session to give him the opportunity to see our team in action and see how grateful the children were for his help. He attended with his son and PC Morris followed on by inviting Councillor Woodward to our awards evening a little later in October 2018 to present the trophies.
4. From this point until the end of December 2018 I only met Councillor Woodward on a few occasions and our discussions had moved away from Rockets and we spoke more about a potential marketing job opportunity and my interest in becoming a Councillor. I started working for LBhealthcare Physiotherapy as a part-time Marketing Manager in January 2019 on a temporary basis until April 2019.
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6. In January 2019 I decided I was keen to follow my political aspirations and during this time I gained a further insight and understanding of a councillor's role and responsibilities. Councillor Woodward kindly took me to a few events as his guest to help my understanding. I was aware of the County Councillors' Grant scheme and Rockets applied to Councillor Woodward's budget for £2,000 towards jumping ramps for the Rockets. We were successful although Cllr Woodward did say to me that as I was working for his company he would be passing the application to another Councillor for decision.
7. On the subject of the £2,000 grant, I see that PC Collier and PC Morris now claim that the grant was never to be used for the ramps. That is untrue although I am aware that Rockets did not pay for the ramps and only half of them were provided by the supplier. Perhaps the grant was retained by them under false pretences.
8. It was in January 2019 that I learned about the new Recreation & Heritage Community Grants. Councillor Woodward made me aware of a published

report going to his Decision Day in January including the ability for organisations to apply for capital grants. I know that he made a number of groups aware of this opportunity and he told me he really wanted charitable and other groups all over Hampshire to benefit from Hampshire County Council's support to make their projects a reality. I said to him that the Directors of Rockets (PCs Collier and Morris and I) had a dream to purchase and fit out a lorry to be able to transport everything to shows around the country. We had one that was in a poor condition. He told me it would not be a decision he would make as I was now working for his company, but we should absorb all the details and decide whether to apply.

9. I wrote to the County Council on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to express an interest in the Recreation & Heritage Community Grant towards a lorry purchase and fit-out at the end of January and received an acknowledgment including the details and a link to the online application form. (I have attached this email which you already have – JB1)
10. When we went on to complete the new Recreation & Heritage Community Grant application, we encountered numerous difficulties. I made several telephone calls and exchanged several emails directly with the grants officer as online links did not appear to be working. I was then directed to the wrong grant (the Councillors' Budget). I was totally confused so made contact with Councillor Woodward to seek his help. He did intervene as he knew we were one of the first to apply under the new scheme and was concerned the infrastructure of the grant application appeared not to be set up correctly. This was confirmed back by email from the grants officer (also part of the email trail attached – JB1). Unfortunately, the issues did not stop there so I again contacted Councillor Woodward as after saving the grant application the link to the saved application did not work. He again intervened to help resolve the issues with the grants officer.
11. The claims that Councillor Woodward wrote the application are absolute rubbish and based only on assumption due to the volume of email exchanges but they all related to IT issues, not the content of the application.
12. In June 2018 about a month after the £15,000 grant to Rockets had been approved by Hampshire County Council (and also one for the same amount by Fareham Borough Council) I formed a new community interest company (Solent Stars) and contacted Councillor Woodward to ask if the grants could be transferred as the organisations had essentially the same aims. He was unsure and said probably not and it would likely need new applications. He said he would need to seek advice. After he did so he said I needed to write to the councils which I did.
13. Fareham Borough Council made the decision not to pay the £15,000 grant to Rockets and cancelled it. As joint funding by both councils was a condition of the grants Hampshire County Council cancelled its grant as well.
14. It was clear and apparent I could not possibly continue to work with my two fellow Rockets directors [REDACTED] so I resigned from being a Director of Rockets on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 not 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as stated by Felicity Roe in her statement. I do still remain a one-third shareholder in the company.

15. With support from my parents, I had purchased most of the equipment needed for Solent Stars including a lorry but was keen to have modifications made so applied to both Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council for a £15,000 grant to fund this. I provided some clarification to the councils about the works to be completed to the lorry to meet the requirements of the Showmen's Guild but the new organisation flourished quicker than expected and with a clear picture of the financial future I knew I would no longer meet the funding criteria as the conversion of the lorry was underway so I withdrew the application from both councils before it could be decided.
16. All elements of these complaints, suggestions of theft, fraud and assault by me are more false statements and borne out of trying to discredit individuals and damage the reputation of Solent Stars, which by this time was a real competitor to Rockets.
17. I believe the complaints against him have emerged because Councillor Woodward witnessed me being assaulted by PC Collier in June 2019 which is still under investigation by the Professional Standards Department of Hampshire Constabulary. PC Morris provided a false alibi for PC Collier. PC Collier was very vocal at expressing his intentions to damage and "bring down" Councillor Woodward by whatever means possible. This complaint was made on the back of joining forces with a political antagonist and arrived within two weeks of the expulsion of that individual from the Conservative Party after it was proven he had met with PC Collier and the pair of them had decided on what was their rights and their facts, potentially prejudiced the police investigation. [REDACTED] PC Collier made no secret in the fact his aim was to pursue both me Councillor Woodward and by his attempts to join the Conservative Party was another area of attack but I'm sure disappointed when his application for membership was rejected. He worked with PC Collier to concoct the complaint adding his inside knowledge of how political parties work and I heard for myself his hatred of Cllr Woodward in every other sentence at the meeting at which he was expelled.
18. I offered to Cllr Woodward that it may be helpful to be interviewed by the investigator and would have welcomed an opportunity to have provided a full statement, together with evidence of emails, provide the text messages and photos in person rather than via Councillor Woodward which would demonstrate that everything within the complaints attributed to me is entirely false. I was not even contacted let alone interviewed.
19. The information provided by PC Collier and PC Morris is totally fabricated, so I can only assume that is why what they claim cannot be backed up with any evidence. These complaints and all their false content are clearly politically motivated and vexatious in hope that they will destroy Cllr Woodward as well as any political future that I may have.
20. Councillor Woodward told me that the investigator asked him many details about me which I reluctantly supplied as they were highly personal and would have rather had an opportunity to be interviewed directly to avoid communication that could be lost in translation. Surely there is more than one

side of the story especially when so much assumption is made of what I apparently said and did.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Bull".

Joanne Bull

24<sup>th</sup> November 2020