



**Woodbridge**  
Town Council

### **Press Release**

There has been considerable speculation in the press about Woodbridge Town Council. This statement aims to clarify and refute claims made by two councillors.

A town council is a 'body corporate' which means that all councillors are collectively responsible for decisions made in a democratic vote and all councillors have access to financial information, and collectively make the decision to sign off payments.

All councillors have access to all Council decision making and the opportunity to raise concerns during democratic discussions should they wish so to do.

All Councillors are bound by the Code of Conduct which prohibits the release of confidential information. The two Councillors are in breach of this Code.

Discussions concerning the signage of the town were held in a confidential meeting as the Council were discussing a local company. The Council's position has always been to ensure a positive outcome for the Town. The Amenities Committee rightly charged the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk as Officers of the Council with making this happen as it will ensure a more expedient outcome than having to form a sub-committee. This will not put the Council back a month as claimed by the two Councillors but will enable the Council to move more quickly. Councillor O'Nolan, as a member of the Amenities Committee voted in favour of this resolution.

'Data loss' is a misnomer. No financial, legal or statutory information has been lost. Some working papers had been deleted either inadvertently or under GDPR. Most of these have been reinstated by our computer support team or through other sources. There has been no expenditure of public money on this. The only expenditure of public money is through a proposal by the two Councillors which would cost the tax payer over £2,000 but would give no benefit to the Council or to the Town of Woodbridge.

Councillor David Mortimer  
Woodbridge Town Mayor