## AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Post Meeting Press Release: Statement Following Council Meeting on MC00304

Aylesham Parish Council considered the Summary Decision issued by Dover District Council's Hearing Panel in relation to complaint MC00304 at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Dover District Council previously published a Summary of Decision recording that the Hearing Panel found Councillor Leon Prescott had breached paragraph 3(2)(f) of the Aylesham Parish Council Code of Conduct, determining that his conduct brought his office and the authority into disrepute.

## **Final Decision Summary MC00304**

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Councillor Prescott resigned from Aylesham Parish Council, and as a result, the majority of the recommendations made to the Parish Council by the Hearing Panel could no longer be applied, as they were directed towards a sitting councillor.

At the meeting, the Parish Council:

- **formally noted** the recommendations contained within the Summary Decision;
- **recorded** that recommendations relating to censure, removal from committees, training, and withdrawal of outside appointments could not be implemented due to the resignation; and
- agreed to issue this press release in line with recommendation 5.1(k), to ensure transparency and to maintain public confidence in local standards of conduct.

Aylesham Parish Council remains committed to promoting high standards, respecting the Code of Conduct, and ensuring accountability in public office.

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