**BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT: 28th September 2023**

(copy supplied by our Solicitors in conclusion of the claim)

**Our attention has been drawn to an article published on social media concerning a claim brought by Ms Lucinda Ellicott. We are not going to dignify the article by responding in detail save to make the following points:**

1. **The defence of the claim was handled by our Insurers, Zurich. They instructed leading lawyers from DAC Beachcroft and 5RB Chambers. They conducted the litigation, reporting principally to Zurich.**
2. **The result was a small monetary award to Ms Ellicott that did not even cover her own costs. In the circumstances Insurers did not consider an Appeal to be justified. No award/costs were paid from Berry Pomeroy Parish Council public funds.**
3. **No apology has been or will be made to Ms Ellicott in all the circumstances.**

Berry Pomeroy Parish Council

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