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Dear Parishioners and Councillors,

At the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th December 2018, you may recall, that I took over the reading of a correspondence item from the Parish Clerk in relation to my 'right of reply'. At the time this was done innocently as my hand writing was less than legible and seemed a logical action and was with the agreement of the council members.

It has now been brought to my attention by The Monitoring Officer at Babergh District Council that this was in fact illegal under The Localism Act 2011 and technically a criminal offence.

Under advice from the Monitoring Officer I would like to offer my sincere apologies to both the parishioners of Chelmondiston and fellow council members for this innocent act of reading the letter and failing to leave the room as it was an item of pecuniary interest.

However, please be clear that my apology is for only reading the letter and in no way effects its content or my opinions on the matter.

Thank you



David Cordle
Chairman Chelmondiston Parish Council