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**Leader of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Councillor Parnaby chooses to jump**

Following 12 months of allegations of corruption and fully aware that there is more damning evidence about to be released, Councillor Stephen “**I’m going to make sure you have to go to appeal unless you use my builder**” Parnaby, has finally made public that his time is up.

Councillor Parnaby has of course been aware for some time that with all the evidence of his corruption and criminal activities now in the public domain he has no chance of fighting another election and is only hanging on to his position by his fingernails due to the protection of his appointees and a Monitoring Officer whose inaction resembles that of an illiterate deaf-mute choosing to ignore his correspondence rather than investigate the allegations.

It is believed that, with the Conservative Party and the Minister for Local government being aware of his conduct, some degree of pressure has been forthcoming from outside this area however his long service, which ironically has facilitated his corruption and a Conservative Party with other concerns has enabled him to resign with some degree of dignity remaining. It is not certain however that this situation will not change in the coming months.

Some are aware that this decision was made several months ago and this is clearly evidenced by the deluge of recent planning applications from Councillor Parnaby’s friends and their relatives rushing to avail themselves of the existing advantageous situation.

Councillor Parnaby is well known for involving himself in planning matters and following the recent secret promotion and salary increase for his, Planning Chief friend, Alan Menzies and with his other friend and appointee Phyllis Pollard chair of the planning committee, hands up all those who believe that even the most dubious of these will be handled favourably.

**Later this week I shall release the official update from the governments Information Commissioners Office on the Arvato scandal which involved Councillor Parnaby committing the criminal offence of failing to disclose his Directorship in this company for twelve years during which time the company was working for his own council on a multi-million pound contract**

Regards

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