

Witness Statement by David Clutterbuck taken by Roger West in front of his wife Janet Clutterbuck on 26th November 2015 in his home.

I am David Clutterbuck. I was elected in 1987 to the Council as a Liberal but soon joined the Conservatives. I lost my seat in 1991 (Poll Tax) but stood in a by election in August 1992 in East Cliff Ward. I was forced to retire because of an age rule, as I was 70. This has now been rescinded. I think this was possibly contrived but I did contest my seat as an Independent

A club was set up called the 66 club, which was a Conservative political club and had distinguished senior Conservative MPs as guest speakers. Sir John Butterfill chaired it. I was the only Councillor on it. Cllr John Beesley was the secretary before he became a Councillor. There were a large number of prominent business people in this club, builders, developers, bankers etc. I thought it strange that a person with these connections could be on the Planning Board

My next-door neighbour is the sister of Tony Ramsden's mother and I have been told on several occasions that Cllr John Beesley was the godfather of Tony Ramsden's ~~son~~^{son}. This ~~son~~^{son} was the ring bearer at the civil (wedding) ceremony for Nick King and his partner.

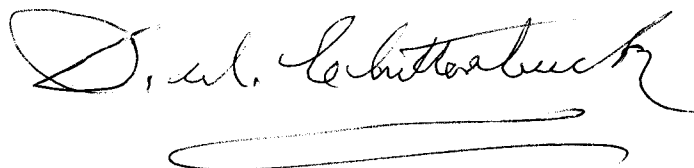
The Tory party had an unofficial, non-minuted committee, comprising Tobias Ellwood MP, John Beesley and Nick King with others. This committee selected conservative Councillors. Tobias told me that I was being de-selected.

I was on the Planning Committee with John Beesley and Tony Ramsden. There was a move in the Tory group to make Tony Ramsden the vice chair which I had opposed, he had only been a Member for a short time.

Ramsden and Cllr. Beesley tried to set up a post office in Winton together in about 2000.

I was shocked that there was no prosecution over the pier arcade takings scandal.

The police should act, as Cllr Beesley should not have chaired a Planning Board meeting where his friend stood to gain financially.



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