

Since 2017

Two clerks and the market manager have resigned following prolonged sick leave through work-related stress.

Another member of staff who went on sick leave through stress at work is currently appealing against dismissal.

The costs of these situations are:

Over £50,000 for the first clerk's situation

About £25,000 for sick leave for the second clerk and two employees

The council is setting aside £2000 for an Employment Tribunal with another on the horizon

That is £77,000 loss of money to Honiton ratepayers because of the toxic nature of the employment conditions at Honiton Council.

Add to this

£88,000 legal fees wasted on the failed dispute with Baileys and the unnecessary confrontation with The Beehive charity

A total of £165,000 of Honiton tax-payers money has been poured down the drain in the last three years

On top of the waste of money and terrible relationship with staff

- 17 members have resigned from the council with many allegations of harassment or bullying
- A councillor is coming before a Standards Hearing next month and there are another three under investigation.
- 1400 people calling for a Governance Review

Q1. In the light of this appalling record, will the Mayor apologise to the people of Honiton for the way he has led the council.

Response from the Mayor of Honiton:-

I do not accept the premise of the question. I will not apologise. The Council's leadership and actions will ensure its Governance in line with its Policies and Audit requirements.

Q2. And will he seek the support for his leadership by resigning and putting himself up for re-election in May

Response from the Mayor of Honiton:-

No, my resignation has been asked for in the recent past and I have and continue to decline. The elections planned for May 2021 will provide an opportunity for the Council and its various roles to be democratically elected.