

MINUTES OF CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Date: 15 April 2016
Time commenced: 17:40
Time concluded: 19:30
Venue: Knights Hill Hotel, King's Lynn, Norfolk
Attendees: Sir Henry Bellingham, MP for Northwest Norfolk, [SHB]
William Brian Freeman [WBF] (formerly known as Brian Pead)
(co-author of *From Hillsborough to Lambeth*) and other books including
FRAMED! and *10Prisons12Weeks*

1. SHB opened the meeting by declaring it was vitally important to make progress in all of WBF's cases and not dwell on past matters – WBF agreed that this was a sensible principle as long as real progress was made and not just words bandied around;
2. SHB suggested to WBF that “it was appalling how his daughter and grandchildren had also suffered as the result of WBF's unsafe convictions”;
3. SHB suggested to his constituent that he [WBF] should decide upon an intermediary in order to approach his daughter to seek a reconciliation – WBF pointed out the Restraining Order, albeit unlawfully issued, prevented WBF from taking direct action: SHB suggested that the use of an intermediary would not breach any such order;
4. SHB suggested that WBF's daughter should write to him and state that she and her children strongly object to her father being labelled as a “convicted sex offender”;
5. SHB suggested that WBF write to the Police and the Probation Service in order to get the Restraining Order lifted;
6. SHB suggested that WBF initiate a claim against the Metropolitan Police Service (“the MPS”) for its persecution of his constituent – WBF asked his MP to provide the name of a solicitor specialising in Tort Lawⁱ since he is a barrister who, when practising, was a specialist in Tort Law and he will therefore have a number of useful contacts in that particular field of law;
7. SHB agreed that he would seek out a *bona fide* lawyer capable of pursuing claims against Lambeth Council, the MPS, Essex Constabulary, Norfolk Constabulary and others;
8. SHB turned to WBF's unsafe conviction at Southwark Crown Court in December 2009 – the MP stated “...It is evident that the conviction is unsafe and that you cannot be guilty in law...” – and that there is a need to get that conviction quashed as soon as possible, as well as other unsafe convictions against the constituent, particularly the alleged harassment of his daughter and granddaughter in November 2011 when neither family member attended court against their relative, neither had complained to the MPS and neither made witness statements against WBF;
9. WBF informed the MP that his son-in-law [name redacted for legal reasons due to a gagging order imposed at the Inner London Crown Court (“the ILCC”) in July 2015] had stated on oath and under penalty of perjury at the ILCC that “...the only reason we don't have contact with Brian is because of that conviction at Southwark...” and the son-in-law added that “...Yes, it is true that neither Brian's daughter nor elder granddaughter ever attended court against him or complained about him to Police or made witness statements against him...”
10. SHB stated: “...It certainly appears that some murky stuff went on against you...” and added “...but it's important that we do not dwell on that but work towards a positive resolution...” – WBF agreed;

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11. SHB stated that he would write to Michael Mansfield, Queen's Counsellor - whom he said that he knows personally – in order to ask the lawyer to conduct appeals for WBF on a *pro bono* basis given that WBF should not have to pay since it is the State that put the constituent in the position he currently finds himself;
12. SHB sought confirmation from WBF that he would remain his constituent, and WBF gave such an assurance – the MP said "...then we'll go at this hammer and tongs...";
13. WBF thanked his MP for such a robust and positive approach;
14. SHB added: "neither your conviction at Southwark nor the harassment at Bexley Magistrates' Court should ever have gone to court";
15. SHB complained about the cost to the public purse and stated that all of his constituent's cases must have cost "...several hundreds of thousands of pounds, if not millions..." and that it had been a distinct waste of public funds;
16. WBF stated that the cost to the public purse would undoubtedly be at the level of millions of pounds because he has been held (unlawfully) under surveillance since 2006 – SHB did not disagree;
17. SHB stated that he had "significant convening power" and that he could effect "useful meetings and discussions with key people in order to not only get your convictions quashed, and become reunited with your family but also obtain significant compensation from the State...";
18. SHB added that there was little point in seeking a full-scale inquiry because the police, in particular, would only close ranks and it would be better merely to initiate a claim against the Police for the wrongs perpetrated against WBF and his family;
19. WBF referred to the email sent by SHB to him on 18 February 2015, the day after their meeting (also at the Knights Hill Hotel) – in this email, SHB had suggested that WBF pursue a claim against Lambeth Council for unlawful dismissal and other torts;
20. SHB confirmed that WBF had a 'meritorious claim' against the Council;
21. WBF informed his MP that he has made an application for Core Participant Status in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse ("IICSA") – the MP stated that he would support his constituent's application and that, should it be unsuccessful, he would contact IICSA himself on his constituent's behalf;
22. WBF then informed his MP that he has **two** Police National Computer ("PNC") records and that when he had met retired Detective Chief Inspector Clive Driscoll on 09 March 2015ⁱⁱ (**Minutes of that meeting previously supplied to the MP**) the former detective had said one must clearly be false and it needs to be expunged – SHB agreed;
23. WBF stated that this second PNC record claimed that Brian had been convicted of at least 6 sexual offences against underage girls and that he had never been arrested for such offences, never charged, never Indicted, never appeared in court and never sentenced – the MP stated that it was obvious that this record could not be true because otherwise WBF would have been serving many years in prison – the MP agreed to write to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London in order to ask why such a false record should exist against his constituent and why WBF, to quote retired Scotland Yard Detective Chief Inspector Clive Driscoll, had been flagged up at Scotland Yard as a "major threat to the police for his books and research";
24. WBF also provided a copy of a "Protection from Harassment Letter" sent to him by Greenwich Police to his home address at Darby Farm in Pott Row **when the Police knew him to be in prison** – the letter was not signed, Brian's date of birth was wrongly entered

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- and the person whom Brian should not harass was simply noted as “Kim of Greenwich University”;
25. SHB stated that it was evidently an unprofessional document and that ‘Kim’ could refer to any number of people of either gender and he added that he would include a complaint about this matter in his letter to the Commissioner;
 26. WBF showed his MP a copy of the book *In Pursuit of the Truth* by retired DCI Clive Driscoll in which the former policeman mentioned significant child abuse in Lambeth and its cover-up;
 27. SHB took a great interest in this book, said that he would “buy a copy” and spent some time reading Brian’s annotations in the book;
 28. WBF also showed his MP a copy of a letter he had received from Sarah Champion, MP whilst he was still in prison – in this letter Ms Champion had assured WBF that the Labour Party would seek protection for whistleblowers in the future – WBF asked SHB what the Conservative Party was doing to protect whistleblowers and the MP said that he would make inquiries and respond on this matter in due course;
 29. WBF thanked SHB for receipt of the Baroness Jay reportⁱⁱⁱ into child abuse in Rotherham which the MP sent to his constituent whilst he was unlawfully held in prison;
 30. WBF showed SHB a letter he had received from retired Police Constable, Rodney Gooderson, a former beat officer for nearly 20 years of Tony Martin, the Norfolk farmer (and also a constituent of SHB) who fired a shotgun as his house was being burgled in 1999. WBF said that he had interviewed Mr Gooderson on three occasions for his new book on Tony Martin and that he had left a copy of *FRAMED!* with the retired policeman to read. In his letter of May 2015, Mr Gooderson said that he had read the book and added: “...*What better way is there to cloud the issue than by discrediting the whistleblower. With regard to your conviction for incitement, I am convinced that the facts have been manipulated to label you a sex offender and further discredit you. The elements of the offence were not there...*” – SHB agreed that the conviction was unsafe and needed to be quashed;
 31. WBF informed SHB that he had met with members of the Shirley Oaks Survivors Association (“SOSA”) following his attendance at the Preliminary Hearing into child abuse in Lambeth Council at the Royal Courts of Justice on 24 March 2016, and that SOSA had thanked Brian for his work in exposing child abuse through his book *from Hillsborough to Lambeth* and his website www.LambethChildAbuse.org and that SOSA agreed that Brian’s findings were accurate;
 32. WBF informed his MP that he is presently banned from the entire London Borough of Bexley, a wholly disproportionate and unlawful act against Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998; the MP agreed that it appeared to be excessive and unnecessary; WBF asked SHB to write to the Probation Service to inquire why such draconian measures have been taken against him.
 33. WBF asked his MP to provide a summary of their meeting:
 - (i) WBF to find a family friend or relative to approach his daughter to effect a reconciliation and to show that the conviction at Southwark in 2009 was unsafe and is to be quashed in due course;
 - (ii) that SHB will write to Michael Mansfield, QC with a view to obtaining the lawyer’s services on a *pro bono* basis to quash the convictions;
 - (iii) that SHB will seek to obtain the services of a civil lawyer specialising in Tort Law to bring a claim on Brian’s behalf against Lambeth Council for wrongful dismissal and other Torts;

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- (iv) that SHB will write to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police with regard to WBF's two PNC records; the unprofessional Protection from Harassment letter and retired DCI Clive Driscoll's comments with regard to WBF having been "flagged up as a major threat to the police because of his research and books";
- (v) that WBF should email full contact details of Clive Driscoll to SHB since "his support will be invaluable to us".

34. **Items held over to the next meeting:**

- (i) Brian deliberately made homeless by the Prison Service. WBF asked SHB to write to the local council (the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk) to enquire why they do not regard a man leaving prison with no family support as vulnerable.
- (ii) Bexley Council's failure to provide evidence to WBF in respect of his grandchildren allegedly being placed on the 'At Risk' register – when WBF applied for a Subject Access request through the Data Protection Act 1998, no references or documentation were provided, thus leading the 'reasonable person' as defined by the courts to believe that not only does such paperwork not exist, but also that his grandchildren were never placed on the 'At Risk' register as claimed by the Police.
- (iii) WBF asked SHB to write to the CEO of Bexley for written confirmation with regard to his grandchildren being placed on the 'At Risk' register.
- (iv) WBF asked SHB to write to the Bexley Magistrates' Court to obtain a true copy of the Restraining Order or a denial that it exists.
- (v) Evidence exists which demonstrates the continued unlawful interference of WBF's communications with no RIPA 2000 warrant in place.

35. No date was set for the next meeting.

36. END OF MINUTES

ⁱ *A body of rights, obligations, and remedies that is applied by courts in civil proceedings to provide relief for persons who have suffered harm from the wrongful acts of others. The person who sustains injury or suffers pecuniary damage as the result of tortious conduct is known as the plaintiff, and the person who is responsible for inflicting the injury and incurs liability for the damage is known as the defendant or tortfeasor.*

Three elements must be established in every tort action. First, the plaintiff must establish that the defendant was under a legal duty to act in a particular fashion. Second, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the defendant breached this duty by failing to conform his or her behavior accordingly. Third, the plaintiff must prove that he suffered injury or loss as a direct result of the defendant's breach.

ⁱⁱ Following that meeting, Brian was unlawfully imprisoned on 19 March 2015 for a period of 24 months. He served 12 months for an alleged breach of a Restraining Order after Sir Henry – then simply Henry – Bellingham had sent Christmas and birthday cards to his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. The prosecution spuriously claimed that Brian had "duped" his MP.

ⁱⁱⁱ the Baroness Jay report (153 pages) condemned child protection measures in Rotherham and drew attention to the abuse of "at least 1400 children". Baroness Jay added that she believed the problems in Rotherham were probably replicated in every borough throughout the land.