

How to watch out for email scams

This is an example of a typical SCAM you may come across via email.

Follow this conversation with a Scammer and each time carefully check the email address highlighted in red and the name in front of it. You will see it appears to be a genuine request but in fact the email address is not from the councillor it pretends to be from!

ALWAYS CHECK THE EMAIL ADDRESS BEFORE REPLYING TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW ITS FROM A TRUSTED SOURCE.

1. email 1: introduction from Spammer

From: Cllr John Spademan <executivecommitte356i4@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 January 2020 09:32
To: Fred Smith <cllr.Fred.Smith@stanwaypc.org.uk>
Subject: Stanway Parish Council

Cllr Fred, are you free at the moment?

Cllr John Spademan.

2. Email 2: Reply from Councillor

From: Fred Smith <cllr.fred.smith@stanwaypc.org.uk> wrote:
Sent: 1/17/20 09:40
Subject: Stanway Parish Council

Yes mate

Fred

3. Email 3: The Scammers cover story

From: Cllr John Spademan <executivecommitte36i4@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 January 2020 10:12
To: Fred Smith <cllr.fred.smith@stanwaypc.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Stanway Parish Council

Cllr Fred,
I am in a conference meeting right now as I would be working till late midnight but need you to get me some gift cards. Could you pick a few iTunes gift cards for me, when I'm done with the meeting I will reimburse you.
I tried purchasing online but there was no luck.

Kind Regards,
Cllr John Spademan.

4. Email 4: The bite from the councillor

from: Fred Smith <cllr.Fred.Smith@stanwaypc.org.uk>
Sent: 1/17/20, 10:15
Subject Subject: Re: Stanway Parish Council

sure how much do you need?

Fred

5. The SCAM revealed by the scammer

From: Cllr John Spademan <executivecommitte356i4@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 January 2020 10:20
To: Fred Smith <cllr.Fred.Smith@stanwaypc.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Stanway Parish Council

Cllr Fred,
Thank you very much. You can purchase it at any store around you. Total amount needed is £400 (£100 denomination).
I need you to scratch the back of the card to reveal the pin, then take a snap shot of the back showing the pin and have them attach to me. How soon can you get the cards?

Kind Regards,
Cllr John Spademan.

DON'T BE SCAMMED

ALWAYS CHECK THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE SENDER TO ENSURE IT IS A GENUINE REQUEST.