

'I Was Searching For Tractors' – UK MP Resigns After Admitting Watching Porn In Parliament...Twice

Description

Neil Parish, British Conservative MP for Tiverton and Honiton, in Devon, first elected in 2010, has **resigned after admitting watching pornography in the House of Commons** in what he described as a "moment of madness".

"I'm not going to defend it... I think I must have taken complete leave of my senses and my sensibilities and my sense of decency and everything."

Fighting to hold back tears in his first TV interview since the scandal broke, Mr Parish said that he had looked at adult material twice, the first time stumbling on a porn website while looking for tractors online, but returning deliberately on the second occasion.

"The situation was that – funnily enough it was tractors I was looking at. I did get into another website that had a very similar name and I watched it for a bit which I shouldn't have done..."

"My crime – my biggest crime – is that on another occasion, I went in a second time. That was deliberate. That was sitting waiting to vote on the side of the chamber, on the side door as you enter back into the lobbies."



Two unnamed female Conservative MPs said earlier this week they had seen a male colleague watching porn while sitting on the Commons benches.

Before he was identified senior Tories, including the attorney general, condemned his actions, and suspended him from the Conservative Whip pending the outcome of an investigation.

After initially indicating on Friday that he hoped to remain in his seat, the resignation announcement came as a dramatic change of heart from Mr Parish.

The opposition Labour party's shadow Commons leader, Thangam Debbonaire, said Parish was right to resign over his "disgusting behaviour".

"But it's shocking that the Conservatives have allowed this debacle to drag out over many days," she added.

Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner mocked the Tory MP's excuse for viewing porn "in error" in the House of Commons, tweeting:

"He was looking for tractors but ended up with porn actors? Neil Parish must think you were all born yesterday..."

Following Parish's announcement that he will resign as an MP, a spokesperson for Tiverton and Honiton Conservatives said:

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Parish for his service to our communities over the past 12 years.

"We support his decision to step down as our Member of Parliament."

Well at least he will have more time on his hands to spend with family... and looking at sexy tractors?

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