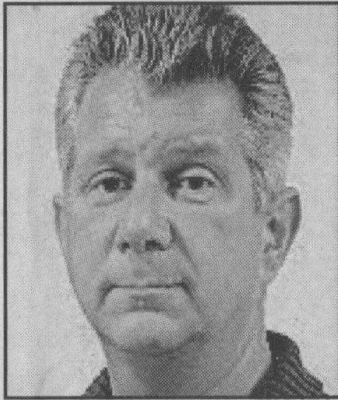


CANDIDATES FOR WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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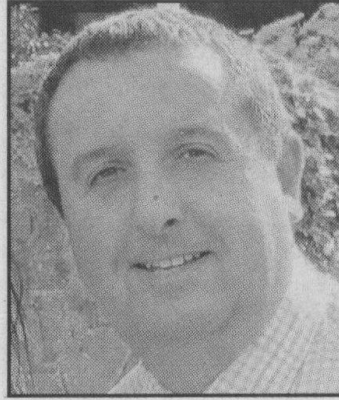
ELECTED on to the parish council in 1998, I have had many duties, most recently being the first point of contact for planning and presenting applications to the council.

In this role I have attended many South Oxfordshire District Council planning committee meetings to present the views of the parish council.

At the last public enquiry into the Whitchurch bridge toll rise, I presented the parish council's opposition paper.

More recently, I have spoken on behalf of the parish council in opposition to the development of Eastfield House.

For 25 years I was a teacher and I now run the family farm in the High Street, where I have lived for 56 years.



Dave Bowen

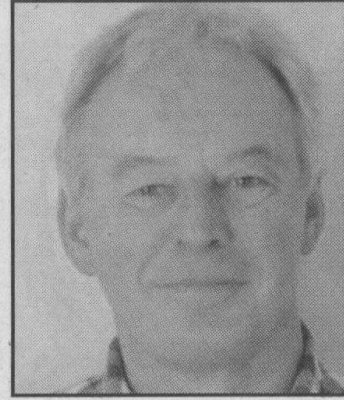
I AM 45 and have lived in Eastfield Lane with my wife Hayley for seven years. I work in the rail industry delivering training to both trainee and existing drivers. I am also studying part-time towards my law degree and I believe my legal skills will be an asset to the parish council.

I have a proven track record of advocacy within the workplace for many years assisting those with employment issues and negotiating towards improved working conditions. In my spare time I am an active user of the River Thames and represent our stretch of river for the Thames Motor Boat Association.

I am committed to providing the best possible local representation for our villagers and local businesses. Our village has a number of current issues, such as the toll bridge, traffic congestion, the village green and planning issues. I am passionate about these larger issues and the smaller issues that may only affect a few residents.

I am very keen to see the village encompass a neighbourhood plan which would provide residents with a much greater say in planning policies for the village as well as provide much-needed income through a community infrastructure levy on new-build properties.

from within the local council.



Keith Brooks *

I AM a retired scientist and have lived in Whitchurch for 12 years. Seven years ago I became a parish councillor and am at present the vice-chairman. During this time I have identified and organised many projects in the village while liaising with the district and county councils in order to retain the area's beautiful rural atmosphere.

I am particularly interested in the environment and as a member of the Chiltern Society I have contributed to the Chilterns Conservation Board management strategy.

I am particularly concerned with the large demand for increased housing in South Oxfordshire and its effect on the natural environment. I believe that with proper management and planning this can be achieved with minimum disruption to the environment and South Oxfordshire can remain one of the best places to live.

I am also concerned with law and order and take a keen interest in Neighbourhood Watch. I sit on the committee of the Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association as well as being co-ordinator for our village. If re-elected, I would continue to work tirelessly to ensure that Whitchurch continues to be a pleasant place to live.

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* Sitting councillor

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Harry Butterworth *

I AM 75 and live in High Street, Whitchurch. I am married with two adult children and two grandchildren.

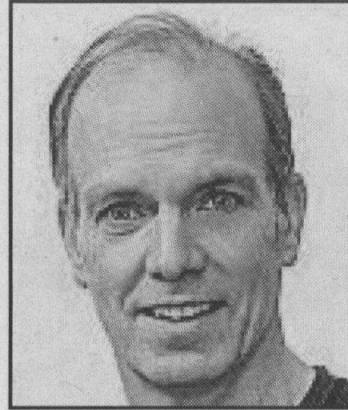
At Bristol University I read physics and electronics and then joined Philips. I started my own business in 1977. — chips with everything!

I have been a member of Whitchurch Parish Council for 20 years. My main obsession is the way communities such as ours drift into becoming a collection of houses when the real joy of living in a vibrant village is that special feeling of being part of a community.

To that end, for example, I was one of the team led by Dr Oppenheimer which fought for two years to get what is now our Whitchurch village green. That is now the property of the Whitchurch community in perpetuity.

Without change, anything stagnates and a village is no exception. Nevertheless, it is essential that the changes are those we as residents wish to happen. Planning is part of the mechanism for maintaining our village as we want it to be.

Of course I have my own ideas but changes must be based on a consensus of opinion. I will need you to keep me updated with what you think should happen.



Jim Donahue *

I HAVE lived in Hillside, Whitchurch, since 2007, having moved from the US to the UK in 1997.

I am divorced with a 15-year-old son who is a regular visitor to the village. I work at Vodafone in Newbury as a programme manager for mobile payments in developing countries.

I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and New Jersey and have a degree in electrical engineering and a masters in technology and public policy. I spent eight years working on NASA's International Space Station programme and then worked as a management consultant in San Francisco.

Now 52, I enjoy living in the British countryside with the community life that Whitchurch offers. I am a keen photographer and have tried to capture the beauty of the countryside through photo-books on Whitchurch and Pangbourne.

I am also an advocate for making our community sustainable as co-chairman of the Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability Group. I have been a parish councillor since 2011 and have:

- Championed Hardwick Road improvements
- Led the maze restoration
- Brokered the council's allotments agreement
- Initiated Hillside improvements.

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Laura Lucas *

I AM 37 and live with my husband David and lovable dog Poppy in Swanston Field. We are very pleased to be expecting our first baby in August.

Having received a degree in economics from the University of Exeter, I worked as a management accountant until my husband's work was relocated to Thames Valley Park three years ago. We thoroughly researched the entire area and both fell in love with Whitchurch. I soon became very happily involved in local life and was surprised and flattered to be approached to join the parish council.

I enjoy being busy and I enjoy the outdoors. I currently work part-time, largely from home, as an assistant to a local PR executive and am chairman of the village hall committee. Additionally, I volunteer at Path Hill Outdoors, teaching disengaged and at risk teenagers, as well as raising much-needed funds by working with younger age groups. I am also a weekly aide/companion to a lovely visually-impaired lady on behalf of Enrych Berkshire.

I take pleasure in representing my friends and neighbours and in working to improve village life. I remain passionately committed to Whitchurch and its residents, dedicated to both preserving and enhancing our beautiful village.



James Norman

I HAVE run Path Hill Farm on the Hardwick Estate, with its high organic, landscape and wildlife values, for 17 years.

My four children attended Whitchurch Primary School and are now at local secondary schools.

I am actively involved in WoTHabs and PAWS Groups and their projects in the village. I am also the local representative for South Oxfordshire Sustainability to work with the district and county councils.

I have been committed to organic farming, nature conservation and green politics for 35 years.

I would like to join the parish council to serve the community and bring a co-operative attitude to village life, including better consultation for difficult issues.

I want to promote sustainability and preserve and improve the charming parish of Whitchurch for all its inhabitants.



Pearl Slatter *

I HAVE been the district councillor for Whitchurch for 12 years but have now stepped down.

I would like to request that you, as a resident of the village, elect me to the parish council.

I have been on various committees at South Oxfordshire District Council, so have a wide knowledge of how parish committees and councils should be run.

I do hope you will vote for me and give me the opportunity to work for you again to support our wonderful village.