

Frances Parkes no longer a Parish Councillor

After four years on the Parish Council Frances Parkes is stepping down.

She says: "I have greatly enjoyed my time on the Parish Council. I would encourage anyone who wants to get involved in our wonderful village to consider joining. You will meet lots of interesting people and have the opportunity to tackle issues which affect all of us who live in Whitchurch and the wider area."



Parish council chairman Jim Donahue commented yesterday: *"I am very sad that Frances will be leaving us to focus on a family situation that needs her attention. She has indicated she may consider re-joining in the future if the situation changes."*

"Frances has done so much for the village in her time as Parish Councillor. She originally joined us as a member of TAPAG, working on the village High Street Traffic Scheme and, as a councillor, she was instrumental in getting the scheme approved and delivered after many years of hard work. Frances has been our lead on the Village Green. She worked to address a number of issues between the various stakeholders who sometimes have conflicting aspirations. We would not be where we are today without Frances – her charm and professional approach has been perfect for this."

"In general, Frances brings many qualities of a model Parish Councillor, including her ability to take on challenges, come up with pragmatic solutions, working well with key stakeholders and seeing decisions through to delivery. She always comes well prepared for meetings, contributing in a constructive and positive manner, seeking out areas of agreement and compromise wherever possible. She has been a pleasure to work with and has been an outstanding representative of the Parish Council to residents of the village."

The Parish Council will be seeking candidates for a replacement councillor in January."