

WELFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

2019 ELECTION CANDIDATES

COLIN BARBOUR

My family and I have lived in Welford for almost 20 years. I'm a Chartered Engineer and experienced senior executive with 35 years' experience within the energy sector; now semi-retired. I've been a Parish Councillor for the past year.

I'm passionate about the natural environment, and public access to enjoy the 'great outdoors'. We all enjoy Welford's distinct character, and its natural amenities - something I believe worthy of protecting for current and future residents. I believe that our 'green space', like Cress Hill, and our network of footpaths and public rights of way are an important amenity to maintain.

SIMON (DAVID) CARTER

I am your current chairperson & leader of a respected team of Councillors working closely with the District & County organisations to ensure that our lovely village & school gets the best out of the system for our collective future benefit.

In my time as a councillor I've been responsible for: Establishing 'Welford Matters'; the Neighbourhood Development Plan; identifying Local Housing needs; fighting off voracious developers like Gladman; the village Paths Maps; transforming Cress Hill; procuring WWI/II benches and school play equipment and leading the Remembrance Day service.

Also, a member/trustee of the Flood Action Group and the Sports Club.

JAMIE HOCKADAY

Jamie has been a Parish Councillor since 2013 and was appointed Deputy Chair in 2018. He seeks your vote to continue his duties and to use his professional qualifications, of over 25 years as a qualified chartered surveyor, for the benefit of the community. As portfolio holder for planning, he has overseen numerous planning matters, acting professionally, diligently and sensitively, assessing them against Policy.

Jamie is married to Sonia a primary school teacher, also a School Governor at Welford on Avon Primary School. Their two children, Annie and George have/are attending the School.

Your vote would be much appreciated. Thankyou.

DEBBIE JONES

I left my job in 2016 as I wanted to enjoy more family time. I decided to use this opportunity to become more involved in village life.

I joined Friends of Welford School when my daughter started in 2016 and became Treasurer in 2018. I've been a Parish Councillor since 2017.

I believe 20 years as a civil engineer working around the country gives extra insight into challenges Welford faces in terms of evolving whilst maintaining its sense of community. I'm practically minded and prepared to speak up in the interests of the village I'm proud to be part of.

NATALIE KENNEDY

I'm a mum of four young children and have two dogs. Consequently, I spend a lot of time walking around the village and love its age and character. I'm keen to help ensure that any development deemed necessary is done in as sympathetic a way as possible.

I would also like to see Welford lead the way in village-scale environmental matters. It is important to me that my children understand how our decisions now are going to affect their future. To this end, it would be nice to encourage local children to develop their interest in village matters.

JAMES KIMPTON

I joined the Parish Council over 3 years ago as a way 'to put something back' into our local community. It has proven to be immensely satisfying and enjoyable.

With 25 years of Senior Director level experience I have successfully managed Companies, staff and resources. I'm married with two daughters and have lived in Welford for nearly 8 years.

My aims if re-elected are to:-

Reduce the number of speeding vehicles through our village.

Help raise funds and facilitate plans for a new sports pavilion at Synder Meadow.

Use my experience to sympathetically manage the growth of Welford without overdeveloping.

MARTIN LAKE

I moved to Welford 11 years ago with my partner Maria Smith (the village scout group's chairperson) and our two children who attended the village school. I play football with Welford Fat Dads every Thursday evening followed by a trip to the Shake, and you may well have seen me out on one of my bikes as I am a keen cyclist.

I'm a Chartered Accountant currently working in Warwick. I am on the Parish Council having joined just over a year ago with the specific role of overseeing and bringing clarity to the council's finances and processes.

MELANIE MACWILLIAM

I moved to Welford 21 years ago with my parents; Joe and Linda Sugden. I am married with 4 children; 3 are still at Welford School, 1 at King Edwards Stratford.

I run my own HR Consultancy, (customers: National Grid, NFU Mutual, BBC). I spent 12 years as HR Manager at Stratford Council. My work involves resolving complex employment issues and negotiating with Trade Unions. I therefore have the skills required to influence and consult.

I will strive to represent all aspects of village life and will be available to listen to people's thoughts and most importantly represent your views.

DR MANUELA PERTEGHELLA

I'm an active member of our community, a School Governor at Welford and a Trustee of the local Scout Group.

I have worked as a university lecturer, more recently for the Open University, and I am a published author in the field of literary studies. I also curate and produce arts and cultural events, planning, marketing and delivering projects within time and budget.

I'm passionate about empowering residents and groups to build thriving communities. My priorities for our Parish are: protecting the character and beauty of our village, tackling speeding traffic, and developing a sustainable future for Welford on Avon.

KERRY WILLIAMS

We moved to Welford seven years ago. Our boys joined Welford School and I became involved in FOWS PTA.

We wanted to live somewhere with a sense of community, safe for our boys. We fell in love with this beautiful village and have sought to play a supporting community role whenever possible.

So much has changed here, unsustainable development, overcrowding the school, increased traffic and sadly crime rate too. We have been unrepentant of our objections to building applications and protection of the Conservation Area.

I care about protecting our villages' heritage but also ensuring its sustainability for future generations.