## **CIIr Wendy Dix**

I was born in Shaftesbury and spent my early life in the village of Motcombe before moving to the Poole area in the early 1970s. I have lived in Corfe Mullen for 23 years.

I trained as a dress designer and have mostly been self-employed, coupled with part time lecturing at the Arts University of Bournemouth teaching pattern cutting and manufacture. I had a shop in Broadstone called Design Ten for a few years. I have a son and daughter and three grandchildren who live and work locally.

I joined the Parish Council in 2012, originally co-opted and then elected in 2015. I have been involved in three projects which have kept me busy: planning the circular walks and writing the leaflets which include local history notes and I submitted designs for Windgreen roundabout, with my design using millstones being chosen. Both these projects were to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Currently I am co-ordinating the maintenance of the community orchard at the recreation ground which is carried out by volunteers in the village.

I serve on the Beacon Hill Liaison Sub-Committee which meets quarterly to keep the Parish Council informed of progress on the landfill site and to sort out any problems its operations cause the community.

The successful relocation of the allotments is of great interest to me as I have enjoyed having a plot for many years.

For the last 5 years I have co-ordinated a local history group which researches and visits Dorset villages. We have studied over 60 sites which gives me invaluable demographic information of the area and how it is changing.

Corfe Mullen has a large and diverse population with employment opportunities within the village, what I would call a working village. This is now quite unique in Dorset.