

Parish Council Election 2 May 2019

Candidate profiles

Mike Barron

I first came to Dorset over 30 years ago. I originally lived in Ferndown and represented the Ameysford ward on East Dorset District Council for four years. I moved to Corfe Mullen several years ago and have enjoyed living here, making new friends and becoming involved in the community. It really has been a great place to bring up my family. My children attended the local schools and my granddaughter presently attends a local First School.

I enjoy being a part of village life. I am a working member of the local 'Win on Waste' group and I am also a member of the Corfe Mullen 'Speedwatch' team, helping to keep the village roads safer places.

Before moving to Dorset I was a parish councillor in the Cambridgeshire village of Linton and also a parish councillor in the Hampshire village of Chilworth.

Susanne Bennett-Parkin

I was born in Dorset and spent my early life abroad, returning to spend the last 45 years in Corfe Mullen. I am married with three children and have been a parish councillor intermittently for the last 25 years.

I ran my own interior design company, have a degree in English and one in Fine Art Valuation, am a member of the Order of St. Johns. I sit on several national charity committees. I am chairman of the Phelipps charity and a past governor of Lockyers School.

I am personally interested in the provision of affordable housing, history and the arts. I raise money for Dorset Opera and am a friend of the BSO.

My private hobbies are painting, and embroidery and I also enjoy cooking and entertaining.

Adrian Craven

Who Am I

My name is Adrian Craven and I am standing for election for the Corfe Mullen Parish Council. I am 48 years old and am married with 2 kids at our local schools (First & Middle). I was born in West Yorkshire but studied in Sheffield and also lived in Liverpool. I moved to Dorset 20 years ago and we moved to our house on the Phelipps estate not long after. Since moving here I have worked for the same aerospace company in Wimborne doing a variety of roles.

My Interests

I am a keen supporter of the Corfe Mullen Food Bank and am also the Clerk of a local Corfe Mullen charity. Until recently I was also a keen allotment holder and Secretary of the Allotments Association, but the debacle of the relocation led me to give my plot up. Now I devote my time to litter picking in the village, my motorbike and spending time with my family.

Why Am I Standing

I am standing for a number of reasons:

- (1) I believe the council needs new blood and fresh energy/ ideas as quite a lot of current councillors have been there a long time
- (2) I think the council should better represent the age profile of the residents

- (3) My dealings with the council over a number of issues from allotment bins to anti-social behaviour and grit bins to name a few
- (4) I want to make sure YOUR money is well spent on things YOU want
- (5) I want better engagement with residents to find out what THEY want

Dave Everett

I was born and bred in Corfe Mullen as were my wife and 2 daughters. I had lived in our family cottage for the whole of my life until March 2017 when we moved to Central Avenue. In fact, my daughters were the 7th generation to live in the cottage and we have seen Corfe Mullen change over the years.

I have been a Parish Councillor for over 40 years and have followed in my grandfather's footsteps as he was also a Parish Councillor. I have always been an active member of the Planning Committee, and with my love of the outdoors and walking around the village, this has given me immense knowledge of our ever-growing surroundings and my interest in the plans of Corfe Mullen's past and future.

I am now retired having previously worked in the electrical trade. My hobbies are wildlife, walking and gardening and our family have been part of the Chapel in the Valley since it was built.

I hope to serve the residents of Corfe Mullen for another term.

Paul Harrison

I have lived in Corfe Mullen all my life and the village is 'in my blood'. I am proud to serve the residents as best I can, having first been elected to the Parish Council in May 2015, where I currently serve on the Planning Committee and the Community Services Committee. Also in May of 2015, I was elected as a one of the villages three District Councillors to East Dorset District Council, where I serve on the Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee and am Vice-Chairman of the Ethical Governance Committee.

Having attended the village schools and progressed through Cubs, Scouts and (what was) Venture Scouts – now Explorers, I am a keen advocate for the young and represent the Parish Council on the Corfe Mullen Youth Centre Advisory Committee. The needs of our more mature residents and the less able within our community is also at the forefront of my mind. I have trained and become a 'Dementia Friend', I initiated the Corfe Mullen Dementia Friends Facebook Page, have secured the installation of the community defibrillator at the recreation ground and have been pivotal with securing a second community defibrillator, located at the large Co-operative store.

I have served as an active member of the Carnival Committee since the mid 1990's and, having held various posts within this voluntary group, I am currently the Publicity Coordinator, promoting the events organised, and information updates, at every given opportunity.

My interests include genealogy, history, travel and gardening. I also enjoy walks in the countryside, the occasional historic town/city weekend away with my wife and our daughter, and encouraging and watching our daughter at various athletics events she takes part in.

Anne Holland

I have lived in Corfe Mullen since 1976 and have been a member of the Parish Council since 1991. I am married to Cllr. Paul Holland and we have one son and three grandsons.

I was elected to the District Council in 1987 and served until 2015, chairing the Policy committee as Leader of the Council in the 1990's.

I was instrumental in the establishment of the Medical Centre in Froud Way and served on Poole Hospital's Board before chairing the local Primary Care Trust.

Presently, I am Chairman and a volunteer of Corfe Mullen Community Aid, (COMCA) and have been so for thirty years.

Paul Holland

I have lived in Corfe Mullen since 1976 and have been a member of the Parish Council continuously since 1987. I am married to Cllr Anne Holland and we have one son and three grandsons.

I am a retired Engineer having worked for local companies since 1972. My hobbies are DIY, gardening and keeping fit and I played a key role in getting the Corfe Mullen gym re-opened.

I have served on Corfe Mullen Sports Association committee and also the Youth Centre Management Committee. I was also an elected member of the District Council for 24 years where I chaired the Amenities committee for two years and also chaired District Council enquiries into Affordable Housing and also funding of village halls and community centres.

Bill Honeyman

Resident in Corfe Mullen for 30 years and have been a parish councillor for last 5 years (Chairman of 2 Council committees in that time). I am the Parish Council representative on Corfe Mullen Sports Association and a trustee of Corfe Mullen Youth Trust, which runs the Youth Club. In the past I was Chairman of Corfe Mullen Homewatch, Poole Athletic Club and founder Chairman of what is now Poole Festival of Running.

As a retired accountant I can assist in obtaining grants for the Youth Club and for an update of the pavilion at the recreation ground. I would like to continue this work as a Parish Councillor.

Tim Howard

I have lived in Corfe Mullen for over 40 years and worked as a local GP, and seen the locality develop from a small village to the sizeable community it is now. So I think that I can claim to know the Parish very well. I have helped plan and build local doctor's surgeries and hospitals, and as a director of Dorset Health Authority, helped to develop both voluntary and NHS services. I have experience of leading a national tribunal service, and as well as having been a prison visitor for Dorset, am a trustee of a local Corfe Mullen charitable Trust. By undertaking activities such as litter collection and fundraising I hope I have shown my commitment to the village.

I am married, and gave children and grandchildren, so am aware of difficulties facing young people locally, and the challenges of finding accommodation, employment and youth activities.

Should I be elected as a Parish Councillor, I hope that I may be able to put some of this experience, both local and national, to use in contributing to the development of the residents of Corfe Mullen, to the development and improvement of local services, and to the sense of community which we all need in these difficult times.

Susan Jefferies

I have lived in Corfe Mullen with my family for over 30 years and was first elected on to the Parish Council in 2003.

I have been your County Councillor for 16 years and I am retiring from the Dorset Council at the Elections in May, but I would still like to continue on the Parish Council and contribute to the village. With the creation of the Dorset Council, Parish Councils will have an enhanced role and greater responsibilities.

I love Corfe Mullen, our surroundings, our countryside, our friendly people and our long history. I contribute as much as I can to this lovely varied village and I am involved in the Sports Association, and Chair both the Youth Trust and the Beacon Hill Liaison Committee. I have also been Chairman of the Parish Council in the past.

Jocelyn Lortie

I grew up in Corfe Mullen and attended the local schools (Springdale, Lockyers & Corfe Hills) for my education. In 2004, I gained a degree in History and returned to live and work in Dorset. I have experience working in finance, public consultation and local government. After a spell away from the village in Lytchett Matravers, I returned to live in Corfe Mullen in 2018 and I am aiming to represent the needs and ideas of residents.

I believe that the Parish Council should act as a visible team in the community and I see this election as a great opportunity to bring some younger members into the fold with ideas for the future. I am a member of the Friends of Corfe Mullen Library and I am due to take over from the Treasurer who is retiring. As a resident who relies on bus travel, I know how important public transport is to Corfe Mullen. We need a regular bus service which supports residents of all ages and capabilities.

I hope that in the new Dorset Council, Parish Councils will have an enhanced role and will reflect the diversity and strength of our communities. I aim to use my drive, energy and enthusiasm for the benefit of all Corfe Mullen residents.

David Mattocks

I have lived in Corfe Mullen since 2000 when relocating from Berkshire with my wife Jan and youngest daughter Michaela. Since then I have setup and operated my own businesses in the village, related primarily to IT support and technology marketing. I became a Parish Councillor in May 2015 and served as Chairman of the Planning Committee and as a member of the Community Services Committee. As a keen sportsman I am currently Chairman of the Corfe Mullen Sports Association and also a Trustee. I am an active member of Corfe Mullen Home Watch committee and a 'friend' of St Hubert's Church and the East Dorset Heritage Trust. I feel honoured and privileged to have served on the Parish Council and if elected for another term, I pledge to continue working diligently in the interests of Parishioners at all times.

Gail Pape M.A. (ed.), B.Ed., Cert.Ed. A.N.E.A.

My career has been in education. Having gained a Master's Degree in Administration and Organisation I went on to teach in a variety of schools, from Head of Department level to Assistant principal of the British School in Riyadh. I have a background of managing a staff of over thirty-five people plus a generous budget. Though I have not worked before in local government, I have acquired the necessary skills and abilities to play a positive role in the position of Parish Councillor in representing the needs of the community, improving and maintaining the local amenities, and being proactive in recognising areas and initiatives which will add to the quality of life for our residents. I am involved with a number of local organisations, from the British Legion the Gardening Club, Phoenix Ladies and I am also President of Corfe Mullen W.I.



David Peden

I have lived in Corfe Mullen for over 20 years now and it has been a great place to live. Now that I have more time available, I want to use some of that to put something back into the community. I am currently Chair of the Corfe Mullen Allotment Association and am a volunteer driver for a local charity. I would now also like the opportunity to serve on the Parish Council. I have some past experience, having been a city councillor in Coventry before I moved down to Dorset, and I believe I have something to contribute.

The Parish Council has limited powers and a small budget, so I believe it is important that it uses its resources efficiently to put as much as possible into the local community. That may be by supporting the local Youth Group or enhancing facilities at the Rec, or by providing grants to local community groups. Or it may be by initiatives like the monthly litter pick which encourage local people to work together to improve the village. But I think the Parish Council also has a role to play as a voice for the local community, to speak up strongly when facilities such as the local library or bus service are threatened, and to oppose developments which threaten the local environment (such as extended use of Beacon Hill tip), or which threaten the green belt around the village – this is particularly critical at the moment, given the proposals for housing developments which appeared in the East Dorset Local Plan last year.

Alan Perry

- 1963 The youngest person to be elected on to the Parish Council aged 27.
- 1963 Governor at Lockyer's School
- 1971 Elected Chairman of the Parish Council
The recreation ground consisted of 8 acres of land. I gradually increased the area to 38 acres, one of the largest recreation ground sin Dorset, incorporating tennis courts, cricket field, football pitches, dog walking field, picnic area, guide hut, scout hut and general pavilion.
- 1972 The new Chairman's badge was designed by Councillor Perry and presented to the Parish Council.
- 1988 Invited to Royal Garden Party for 25 years' service on the Parish Council.
- 1991 Community Service Awards for 25 years on Parish Council
- 1994 I tended the Windgreen roundabout for 8 years. It always looked lovely – very colourful every Spring and Summer time.
- 1994 At a public meeting concerning Springdale Roade I made sure that the area, after many years, was made a public area – for walking – dog walking etc. The wooded area was cleared of brambles etc. and people could walk through the area.
- 1996 Community Services Awards – parish Council work.
- 1997 Awarded Doctorate from Memorial University, Newfoundland
- 1998 Awarded OBE raised £600,000 to rebuild the first brick-built house in Newfoundland.
- 2004 Private audience with the Queen and Prince Philip at Minterne, the home of Lord Digby in Dorset
- 2009 Awarded ONL (Order of Newfoundland and Labrador) the only person this side of the Atlantic to receive this award.
- 2011 Awarded Doctorate from Bournemouth University
- 2013 I celebrated 50 years as a member of the Parish Council with a party and presentation.
- 2018 Awarded Chairman Emeritus by the Harlow University Campus

Duncan Sowry-House

I have lived and worked in Dorset all my life and I moved to Corfe Mullen in 2005 where I live with my partner and two children.

My working life has been a varied career from working at Poole Pottery to establishing and running my own businesses. These include a successful engineering company on the Isle of Purbeck and a Post

Office in Poole where I was Sub-Postmaster for fifteen years. I am also a qualified fitness instructor and have taught classes in local gyms and schools including Henbury View First School.

I have also supported my children's schools where I have served on the governing body as well as previously serving on the Corfe Mullen Parish Council.

My interest in the Parish Council is to ensure it delivers best value to Corfe Mullen residents, is representative of their views and best meets their needs directly where appropriate and in conjunction with the new Dorset Council at other times.

My leisure interests are varied and wide. I love to spend time with my children, enjoying all the usual family activities and supporting their interests as well as gardening, reading, travel and history.

Julia Stennett

I am local having lived and worked in this area all my life.

My working life has been varied and includes working as a part time Youth Leader, Learning Support Assistant and Home Care Assistant.

Being able to communicate with different groups of people has always been an important part of my work. Understanding the needs of others and being able to respond is something I have a natural talent for.

I'm now retired after being made redundant in March 2010. I keep myself busy by doing voluntary work and my interests include walking, the arts, handicrafts and history.