

Being a Parish Councillor and Chair – Sue

I have been a Parish Councillor for 8 years. Having grown up in the village, when I stopped work, I started looking for things to do and stumbled upon the Parish Council. I signed up fully expecting not to get through the election process only to find there wasn't an election! My first meeting is a bit of a blur, but I soon found the skills I had developed in the IT industry were useful. When I was asked to stand as Chair, I didn't expect that I would be doing that for 7 years. It has been challenging at times, very often fun, sometimes requiring diplomacy, but never boring. I have run events, raised funds, liaised with ESBC and SCC, worked on all sorts of projects. My civic responsibilities have meant laying a wreath every Remembrance Sunday, attending church services, doing readings, going to tea parties and even reading the proclamation of the accession of King Charles III. I have many highlights but the top seven have been redeveloping the area round the war memorial working with a great team, the Platinum Jubilee beacon, the WW1 centenary, getting the WW2 names added to the war memorial (I had attended acts of remembrance starting in the 1970s and never realised they weren't there until we were doing the Square), getting a weight limit on the C18, reading the proclamation and seeing the Village Hall start to be reborn again working with a wonderful team. And that is what the Parish Council is about team work on behalf of the community.