

NEWSLINK

Forest Row Parish Council

CLLR. DAVID BRETT

CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

I am very honoured to have been elected Chairman of the Parish Council for this next year. As you may know there were not sufficient candidates to call an election in May, so all eleven candidates were declared councillors, leaving four vacancies. Three of the four vacancies were filled by co-option at the AGM on 17th May, and one of the original candidates subsequently resigned, leaving two places to fill. These will now be filled by further co-options.

It is the first time in recent years that there has not been an election for the Parish Council, and it is disappointing that our efforts to encourage more participation did not bear more fruit. However our many new councillors are bringing fresh energy and valuable skills, and I welcome them all.

I would also like to pay tribute to all those departing councillors for all their hard work and dedication to the interests of the village, often over many years. Nigel Manger brought tireless energy and commitment to his role as Chairman, Fred Bishop has been a stalwart of the council and the village for more years than I suspect he cares to remember, and we will miss the experience and knowledge of all those standing down.

YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

ANNA BENDALL

I hope I can contribute something about:

- Diversity - attended assorted schools and lived in various cultures.
- Diplomacy - worked for the UN (UNHCR) in various countries. Work for local government.
- Teamwork - worked very closely in teams as a tecchie on big events.
- Interest - I love Forest Row!

DAVID BRETT

I moved to the village with my family 20 years ago, and my children went to local schools including Michael Hall, Forest Row Primary, and Sackville. I am an actor and musician, performing both locally and nationally, and I have also worked with special needs pupils at Sackville School, where my wife Angie is a teacher, and at Forest Row Primary School.

I have been a councillor for the last four years, serving on the Planning, Community Centre, Amenities, General Purposes and Traffic, and Relief Road committees, and have found this gives a fascinating insight into how decisions are made, both by local and national government, that affect our day to day life in the village. It appears that the Government's new Localism initiative will offer greater powers to local councils, so this is an exciting time to be a parish councillor. My interests include the



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environment and the arts, and I am keen to promote and contribute to the activities that celebrate and enrich the diverse cultural life of this unique village. Improving provision for both older residents and the young must also remain high on the Parish Council's agenda.

VIOLETA EASTAFF

I have lived in the local community for the past six years, and as I love forest row and the people living here, I felt that I wanted to help the local community and therefore the best way for me to achieve this was to join the Parish Council.

What I can bring to the Parish Council is my experience of marketing, management, communication and team building delivered with a young and fresh perspective.

I hope my presence on the Parish Council will attract more young people to get involved in the day to day decision making in the village."

KEN FARRAR

I have lived in the village since 1972, for many years commuting to London on a daily basis. My job involved much committee work, chairing the UK Technical Standards Committee for securities industry and representing the country on the International Standards body covering the same topic.

My children were all educated at local state schools and seemed to have involved themselves in all the organisations running at that time.

Locally I was a member of the team which prepared and implemented the Parish Plan in 2006 which paved the way for the Liaison Group of which I am currently secretary. I was also a member of the team responsible for the OneVillage2010 festival. Currently I am secretary/treasurer of the Forest Row Sports Ground Association and treasurer of the Village Hall, being a trustee of both organisations.

Other activities include updating the Holy Trinity web site and being a member of its teams responsible for mowing its lawns and printing the Parish News. I am also Welfare Officer for the Junior Football Club and an editor of 'Talking News'.

I am firmly of the opinion that the Parish Council exists to serve the needs of all local residents, not to promote particular lifestyles or promote any political agendas.

KEITH FOLEY

Having grown up and lived most my life in South London, I now have a wife Maggie, two children and four grandchildren. We moved to Forest Row in 2008 when I took early retirement and now love the slower pace of life. Since moving here my wife has joined the new and thriving Forest Row WI branch and I've joined the local Anderida Golf Club. In my 30's I did find time to support my son's Scout Group and was a member of our children's school PTA for several years.

The majority of my career has been in Sales and Marketing roles within the Distribution industry, including management of UK and European teams. My final role being Head of UK Sales responsible for a team some 450 staff. Following my retirement (aged 54) I set up a company that successfully renovated domestic properties, only deciding to close it down when the property market crashed some three years ago. As a result I have extensive business organizational experience involving continuous financial and time critical targets, 10 years in customer facing roles, coupled with the very real experience of running my own small business. I now hope to bring some of these skills to the Council for benefit our community.

CHERYL HAWKINS

I run my own small business from home, and facilitate networking throughout the Village. I love Forest Row and its 'cosmopolitan aspects'. There are so many different facets to this brightly shining coin! I have, over the years, taken part in local activities and facilitated a number of them.

I have been a Parish Councillor for well over a year now and am passionate about what goes on, is needed, and bringing the Village together and encouraging transparency in communication throughout. I have served on various committees and have chaired the Youth and Community Building Committee.

I co-ordinate the Business Forum, take part in the Community Liaison group, am involved in the Youth concerns/youth club and Venu and wish to address the issues around the 'Young and Old' within this Village. I feel my enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to see the whole picture, are attributes that I can bring to the Council.

VIVIEN HILL

Originally from east London, having taught in south London I came to live in Forest Row in 1984. I then taught in local schools for about ten years, later becoming a ranger for Kew at Wakehurst. I now work as a gardener while doing some post-graduate research. I have enjoyed living in Forest Row, the village is large enough to have a variety of services and shops and an interesting mix of people.

I am also on the committee of the Village Hall, a local charity, a wonderful building providing a venue for many different activities,

Parish councils are valuable as the most direct form of local government and can reflect local affairs with local accountability. I have been a Parish Councillor since 1999 and am impressed by the time and effort my fellow Councillors give to the village.

WENDY JONES

I have lived in and around Forest Row for the past 35 years. I have 8 children and was an 'at home' mother until 12 years ago when I bought Lenny's Sandwich Bar.

I hold a diploma in Psychodynamic Counselling, Certificates in Cruise Counselling and Person-Centred Art Therapy. I have also worked as a Samaritan.

Forest Row is, to me, a unique village, situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is a rich and diverse

community offering so much to us, its residents. I have gained so much from living here and now that my children have flown the nest it is an opportunity for me to give back by working with, and for, the community.

TONY LEWIN

I have lived and worked in Forest Row for most of my life -- moving here firstly as an eight year old in the 1960s to go to Michael Hall School and returning in the 1980s to escape London, to give my young family a nicer place to grow up in, and to pursue my own career as a freelance journalist and writer.

Now, 25 years later, I find myself still in the same nice place and still writing, with an increasing focus on environmental issues. As a Councillor I hope to help make a difference when it comes to shaping a sustainable future for this village community that we all care about so much.

ROWENA MOORE

I am a mother of two living at the rural end of the ward in Ashurst Wood with experience of management and teaching. I was Wealden District Councillor serving Forest Row 2004-07 with the sustainability remit and track record of getting things done at the Council on Fairtrade, GM and Sustainability. Since May 2010 I have been co-opted onto Forest Row Parish Council and have served on the Planning Committee and General Purposes & Traffic Committee.

I am a High Weald Forest Ridge Heritage Lottery Project Board Member (2009 to date) and I am involved with a range of local groups from Transition to the new WI, the Lifeboat Choir and the Shalesbrook Morris Dancers. Locally, in our area, I run a small neighbourhood watch scheme, linked to that which is run in Hammerwood. In Ashurst Wood I am a reasonably active member of St Dunstons Church and help out there at the community cafe.

ALAN POTTER

I have lived in Forest Row for over 15 years having moved from Brighton. My son initially attended Michael Hall School and after 4 years there he went to Chailey School. My step daughter attended Forest Row School and now attends Sackville School. Being part of the community in different capacities enables me to see beyond the divide that some perceive.

I have been an active member of the community during that time being involved in a number of local initiatives including:

- Plastic Bag Free Village
- Support to roll out of Wealden DC Recycling Scheme
- Lead author of Low Carbon Communities Challenge bid "Target Forest Row".
- Development of Parish Plan

I spend most of my day to day life in the Village, running my business from above the Village Hall, walking my dog and cycling on its byways.

Forest Row is a vibrant community rooted in real values. If we can be unified in a common cause we can achieve extraordinary results. I am committed to supporting this possibility with integrity and transparency and have taken on Charing the Planning Committee with this intent.

GWEN PRITCHITT

My ninth year as a Parish Councillor and keen to see excellent services for all sections of our very special community - with the emphasis on value for money in these cash strapped times.

Particularly anxious to seek a solution to the problems caused by the closure of Evelyn Clark House.

Dedicated to democracy, fairness, open government and listening to the voice of the people - having been chairman of the committee responsible for the preparation of the Forest Row Master Plan.

PATRICK SHAW

Following a corporate career in marketing and life insurance, I moved to Forest Row with my wife and young son in 1992. I set up and ran FutureCycles for 10 years. Since then, I have been involved in a variety of roles - at Plaw Hatch Farm, managing a health and well-being charity and more recently in business consultancy.

I love riding and repairing bikes! I'm involved with the Forest Row Festival and I also support the local Transition initiative. My view is that the next few years will be a period of great change and that action at the level of local communities will play an important part in helping us all to adapt resiliently to these changes. I believe that Parish Councils will have an increasingly important role to play in this process.

FOREST ROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

This service is now up and running and thanks to our lovely volunteers, we are able to help people get to their medical appointments.

Just call 01342 822909 between 9.30 and 12.30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday to book your trip. The service is available to patients at the Ashdown Forest Health Centre and residents of Forest Row Parish to enable them to attend medical/dental appointments.

Charges will be 40p per mile payable to the volunteer driver with a minimum charge of £3.00. An admin charge of £1 will be levied to enable the service to pay for itself and not be a burden on the community. Donations would also be welcome in addition to this. If the driver is expected to wait for the passenger for a few hours then the mileage cost will be doubled.

If you could spare a few hours a week to help us then please contact the office: 822661—info@forestrow.gov.uk

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Planning Committees (Mondays at 6.30pm) 18 July
8 & 30 August
19 September

Finance & Policy Committee 13 Sept

Full Council Meeting 16 August

Youth & Community Building Committee 5 July
2 August
6 September

Property & Services Committee 30 August

All meetings of the Council start at 8.00pm, except for the Planning Committee, and are open to the public, with the first 10 minutes available for questions from the public.

Agendas are posted on notice boards around the village and on the Parish Council website, so if you see an item you have an interest in, come to the meeting and have your say.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Parish Council runs the Thursday Club for our older residents. Come along and give it a try. Ring Sue in the Council Office on 822661 for further information. The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2.30pm in the Community Centre.

PROGRAMME:

7th July	Bowling on the Wii with Gary
21st July	Tea & Chat
18th August	Summer BBQ

FREE LEGAL ADVICE SURGERIES

We have been lucky to be put in touch with a firm of solicitors who are willing to offer free legal advice. This is an incredibly useful service to be able to offer our residents and we hope you think so too. Please ring the Parish Council office on **01342 822661** to make an appointment to see a solicitor between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

We have the following dates booked so far:

27th June
14th July
27th July

We would like to see this become a permanent service so please take advantage of it if you are need of any kind of legal advice in order to ensure its continuance.

COMMUNITY CENTRE CAFE

Have you tried our Community Cafe? Well, if you haven't you are missing out on the pleasure of enjoying home-cooked 'proper' lunches in a very friendly and personal atmosphere. The prices are very reasonable and check out the typical week's menu this Spring.

Soup & Roll—£2.00
Main Course—£4.00
Dessert—£1.50

We now do
**takeaway soups and
meals—please ask**



INTERNET - CAFE @ 'THE VENU'

Come and surf The Net! Guidance & Help available
(volunteers always needed)

We are now a registered

UK-Online Centre



Open on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from
10am to Noon

THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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Vivien Hill	822811
Wendy Jones	826575
Tony Lewin	822479
Rowena Moore	314402
Alan Potter	826901
Gwen Pritchitt	823296
Patrick Shaw	826657

The Chairman of the Council is:

David Brett

Vice Chairman is

Wendy Jones

Committees

Finance & Policy	Ken Farrar
Property & Services	Vivien Hill
Youth & Community Building	Cheryl Hawkins
Planning	Alan Potter

Chairman

Useful Telephone Numbers

East Sussex County Council

County Councillor:

Francis Whetstone	01892 770304
Main Switchboard	01273 481000
Highways	0345 6080193

Wealden District Council

District Councillors:

Peter Holloway	01342 824434
Rowena Moore	01342 314402
Crowborough	01892 653311

Planning, Works & Services, Leisure

Hailsham 01232 442666

Housing, Finance, Environmental Health

Police

Routine or non-emergency matters
0845 6070 999

Forest Row Community Transport

01342 822909

Hello from THE VENU We have had a great time throwing ideas around and getting the Venu going with a new and exciting programme of events. Firstly, we are open from 8.30 -10am Monday to Friday for all those internet users and there is great coffee available. We then have an after school club for over 12's from 3.30-6pm Mon-Fri, just a great place to go to meet up with friends. We started our first games night on 20th May and this was a great success with cards tables, great music and even better burgers!

This will happen every 2nd Friday. Our music zone turned out to be fantastic with our first invited band 'Black Cherry' who got the crowds going. This will happen every other Friday. We still show films for all over 12's at 4pm on Saturdays and we've seen some good ones: 'Prince of Persia', 'Men in Black' and 'Big Fat Liar' to name a few. We will be starting an under 12 film club on 25th June and all are welcome. Don't miss our family fun day on June 18th with a fantastic BMX display and open stage with music from 3pm (look at the programme on our website closer to the event- www.fryup.moonfruit.com).

We will be starting talent nights on Monday 13th June and our first one will be with guitarist Andy Evans who will be holding a guitar masterclass and discussion on guitar as a career. We're also having a club night on Saturday 25th June. Make sure you're there to check out our local DJ.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Morning Cafe After School Club	21 Morning Cafe After School Club	22 Morning Cafe After School Club	23 Morning Cafe After School Club	24 Morning Cafe After School Club Music Zone	25 - 12 Film Drop + 12 Film Drop Club Night
27 Morning Cafe After School Club Talent night	28 Morning Cafe After School Club	29 Morning Cafe After School Club	30 Morning Cafe After School Club	1 Morning Cafe After School Club Games Night	2 - 12 Film Drop + 12 Film Drop

HEARING AIDS

Janet and Sue in the office are able to change the tubing on most hearing aids. They have undertaken the necessary training and are now be able to offer not only the batteries but also the basic maintenance service.

POLICE

The new Police office is now located within the Parish Council office. If you need to leave a message or see a PCSO, please call in.

DON'T MISS COMMUNITY MARKET AND CAR BOOT SALE

many varied stalls, now including

10.00am—1.00pm at

Forest Row Community Centre

5 March; 2 April; 7 May

To Book Telephone

(01342) 822661

Minimum Charge per Table—£3.00

Refreshments available

Minimum Charge per Commercial Vehicle £10.00

HALLS FOR HIRE—COMMUNITY CENTRE

Various sized rooms for hire for meetings, conferences, dance, art

TREATMENT ROOM—Ideal for chiropody, reflexology, massage etc.

PRIORY ROAD CHAPEL—Ideal for singing groups, prayer meetings, church groups, naming ceremonies etc.

If you want to report a fault with a streetlight. Phone the Office—822661



Problems on roads or pavements?

Phone the Office—822661