

Weeting Parish Councillor Profiles

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Mike Nairn (Chair)



I have lived and worked in South West Norfolk since 1975 when I was stationed at West Tofts with the RMP. I joined the Norfolk Constabulary in 1976 and was posted to Thetford and then in 1978 I moved to Weeting with my wife Sue and two children, Alex & Ben. I joined the Parish Council in the late 80's but had to stand down due to work commitments. I retired from the Police in 2005 and was a trustee with the CAB in Brandon. I was elected to the Parish Council in 2010 and have been Chairman for a number of years and have helped on a number of projects such as the new play equipment, the exercise machines, bulb planting, litter picks, street lighting and the Christmas Tree. I am a Conservative but believe that I can best serve on Weeting Parish Council without any political affiliation or allegiance. I think we live in one of the best communities in Norfolk and I want to continue to work to enhance the village for the people for whom it is home.

Margaret Lister (Vice Chair)



Margaret is well known in the village having lived in Weeting for over 35 years and although now retired ran, alongside her husband David, Breckland Garage for over 40 years. Margaret has always been community focused and as part of her role as Vice Chairman of Weeting Parish council, she attends the Bowls club and Village Hall meetings; monitors the wellbeing of the village amenities and is committed to a litter free village. She has planted thousands of spring bulbs along with colleagues as part of the Parish' drive to promote and enhance the village to its residents and visitors.

Margaret Burlingham



Margaret has lived in the village fifty-four years, been on the Parish Council twenty years and has been responsible for street lighting for eighteen years. She would like to see parishioners taking more interest in the village.

Tom Childerhouse



I have been an independent parish councillor for over 20 years. I believe strongly that the role of Parish councillor is about service to your community and not political allegiance. I was born in Weeting and have lived and worked in the village for the whole of my life. As a family we have been involved with many village organisations. I have a strong connection to our primary school. I attended the school as do my grandchildren and my wife was a teacher and governor there for many years. I believe that my business experience can be valuable in supporting the Parish Council and the aspirations of the village. In the last few years I have very much enjoyed the role of line manager to the village handyman and I am keen to see the continued enhancement of the appearance of the village. I am now semi-retired and have more time and opportunity to devote to the work of the Parish Council.

Clodagh Drewry



Clodagh has lived in the village for 23 years with her husband and three children. Clodagh has been on the parish council since 2015. Clodagh has supported the village and the community for many years. She worked and was chairperson to Weeting Preschool, was chair on Weeting PSFA, worked within the primary school and also volunteered. Clodagh was also on the Governing board of the school. Once her children left school, she became a parish councillor, amongst other ways of helping the village Clodagh organised the village summer fare for several years and also a few children's parties for the children. Clodagh enjoys helping others and would love to see more community involvement.

Tim Murfet



Hello, my name is Tim Murfet. I was born in Weeting in 1952 and have lived in Weeting for the majority of the time apart from living in Brandon for about 18 years. I decided to join the parish councillors for Weeting after the maintenance man sadly retired and I thought I could help the village in maintaining some of the work mainly in the playing field area, so earlier this year I went to a council meeting as they needed a new member and was co-opted in as a parish councillor. I have a small business in the village in construction and hard landscaping where I offer my equipment and time for free to help in the village maintenance program. I have a grown-up Son and Daughter who also live in Weeting with my Grandchildren, which is another reason why I would like to try and help the other councillors improve the area to where we live. This is just a short introduction about me but feel free to email me if you have any concerns or ideas and I will bring them up at the following parish meeting.

Sue Nairn



I am a Norfolk girl, born and bred in King's Lynn and educated at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn High School for Girls. After taking my A-level exams, I went to train as a nurse at the Royal Free Hospital in London and then worked there as a Staff Nurse on the Intensive Care Unit. I left London when I married my husband, Mike, and returned to Norfolk when he joined the Norfolk Constabulary, first living in Thetford and then moving to Weeting in 1978 when he became the local beat officer. Both of our children attended the Village School and our daughter eventually became a teacher there as well. I worked as a District Nurse in Brandon for 5 years and then became a senior specialist nurse across the whole of Suffolk before retiring in 2010. Since then I have become more involved in Village matters, particularly supporting the activities of the Parish Council, such as tidying the churchyard, spring bulb planting and litter-picking. I have been the editor of the Weeting Village Life magazine for the past 7 years and I believe that Weeting has so much to offer its residents. I welcome the opportunity to have the ability to influence further improvement in Village life as a whole.

Sarah O'Donnell



I have spent the past 15 years of my working life in education, social care and the charity sector delivering services to children and their families. My last role was managing large teams working with families needing high level support. I have won regional and national awards for my work. Life has changed for me in the last 3 years and I'm now a mum to our 2 lovely sons. I am also supporting my partner to renovate and extend our bungalow on Rectory Lane and it's been during this time that we have become very happy to call Weeting our home! My pledges whilst in the role as an independent candidate would be contributing to making Weeting a safer place. I would like to develop a partnership with Norfolk Constabulary and schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch. I would listen to and support the views of the Parish in relation to planning applications, advocating that applications must bring about benefit to our village. And finally, I am passionate about tackling social isolation, making sure that our village has a vibrant mix of social activities alongside safe and inviting recreational spaces.

Bernard Smith



I have lived in the village for 14 years. I am very happy to be able to serve as a councillor on Weeting Parish Council and intend to be an active and useful member during my time on the Council.