



Gamlingay Parish Councillors

Colin Smith



Colin has lived in Gamlingay since 1983 (35 years) and having a business background in London and the Home Counties as a Finance Director and as a Managing Director in both the Leisure and Retail fields he and his wife Tineke ran a successful small business consultancy from Letchworth since 1994 acquiring skills and experience which he believes can benefit the community. Now retired, Colin has served on the Parish Council for 8/9 years on various committees including chairing Planning and Finance and is the newly elected Chair of the Parish Council

Tony Goss



Tony and his wife Sheila moved to Gamlingay around 13 years ago, when a need for a bungalow arose due to arthritis in both hips. They love the village and the friendly people. Tony has had a varied career, from building industry, to haulage, and managed several refuse, recycling, and street cleansing contracts in both private and public sectors. Tony was for some years both a Mid Beds District, and Sandy Town councillor. Since retiring some four years ago, Tony has been able to devote more time to, hopefully, helping to make the village a better place for all and joined the Parish Council a few years ago, recently taking on the role of chairman of the planning committee

Jayne Wright



Jayne is originally from West Yorkshire, but has lived in Gamlingay for 12yrs with her husband Max, two children and a Springer Spaniel dog called Luna. Jayne has a degree in Sociology and a Masters in Criminology. She has spent most of her professional career as a Criminal Intelligence Analyst, working first for the Metropolitan Police Force then the Music Industry (IFPI), Cambridgeshire Police Authority and most recently Hewlett Packard (HP). She has been a Parish Councillor for 10yrs and her main responsibility areas are the Butts Playground and Millbridge Brook Meadows. She is a trained River warden and in her free time enjoys long dog walks and growing veg

Dave Finnigan



Dave is a well-known face in the village, and is owner of DC Finnigan, Motor Engineering Specialists firm on Green End Industrial Estate. Dave and his wife Margaret have lived in the village the since 1976, and have three grown up children, two sons and a daughter, and two grandsons. Dave has been on the Parish Council for over 10 years. Dave's interests are classic cars and motorbikes.



Tracy Gurney



Tracy has lived in Gamlingay all her life with her husband Andrew and three children. She has been on the Parish Council for nearly five years and is on the Planning Committee and the Methodist Chapel Management Group. Tracy is very passionate about the village and will always try to do her best for everyone

Peter Webb



Peter has lived in Gamlingay for over 30 years. He is married to Linda and has two grown-up children and one granddaughter. A keen footballer, Peter played for Gamlingay FC for over 15 years and was a member of Gamlingay Young Farmers Club, where he served as both Chairman and Treasurer. He has worked in both the construction and insulation industries. Peter joined the Parish Council in 2016 because he felt he wanted to give something back to the village. He is currently Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Vice-chairman of the Planning Committee

Steve Hemmings



Steve headed north from his London home in 1972 to join the staff at the RSPB. Steve is married to Jeanie and has lived in Gamlingay since 1997. In 1979 he left the RSPB to join various London based advertising/marketing agencies culminating, with a partner, in starting and owning "The Direct Agency" in Covent Garden. As a Christian, Steve decided on a total change of lifestyle, moving to Jersey to take up the role of Verger at St Mary's Parish Church. Family illnesses forced his return in 1994. Steve used his knowledge of tending cemeteries to secure the role of cemetery caretaker until 2002, when he retired. Steve joined the Parish Council in 2013 leaving in 2016 to work as a volunteer on the Patient Participation Group re-joining Council this March. Steve is a member of the PCC at Sandy and his hobbies are London Buses pre-1960, and the life and times of Francis Albert Sinatra.

Mark Brown



Mark and his wife Ellen have lived in Gamlingay since 2010, they have 2 cats - Charlie Brown, and Peanut.

Mark is a Warehouse Manager, currently working in Royston. In his spare time he likes to travel the world with Ellen, has a season ticket at Tottenham Hotspur, and referees football matches to keep fit. Mark joined the Parish Council in 2016, he has been a member of the publications Committee, he is currently a member of F & GP, and looks after Neighbourhood Watch in the village.



Samantha Martin



Sam joined the Parish Council in May 2017 as she wanted to get more involved in the village and meet more residents. A trained musician and passionate advocate for cultural learning, Sam studied Music and Spanish at the University of Birmingham and has worked in the cultural sector for 9 years. She moved to Gamlingay in 2014 and currently works as a Relationship Manager for Arts Council England. Sam can often be seen walking around the village with her husband and 3 dogs. In her spare time, she plays the flute with several ensembles in Cambridge and London.

Keith Warburton



Before retiring, Keith worked in the information technology industry, as well as editing an IT news publication. He also ran a trade association for the IT sector. He is an advocate of meetings without moving - the benefits that video conferencing can bring to society. Keith moved to Gamlingay in 2012 and appreciates the village's superb facilities, in particular the gym – you might meet him there working out or sometimes working on the reception desk. Other than walking, competitive air rifle shooting is his main pastime. Being a parish councillor is a way in which a relative newcomer, living solo, can contribute to, and feel part of the village. Committees: Publications & Communications, Old Methodist Chapel.

Ann Kirby



Ann moved up to Gamlingay, with her husband Michael, following retirement just over 10 years ago, to be nearer to their two sons and their families. Barnet born and bred, grammar school educated, she took the secretarial path, working in both commercial and academic roles. She retired from Middlesex University where she was currently employed as PA to the Academic Registrar and also Assistant Clerk to the Governors. Over the last 10 years she has undertaken various voluntary roles within the village. She aims, as a Councillor, to discharge her responsibilities with transparency and fairness, to the best of her ability, for the benefit of the village and the community

Julie Newman



Julie has lived in Gamlingay for 30 years. She is married to Robert (Nobby); they have four grown up children. She trained as a bilingual personal assistant and now works as a childminder to her young grandson. Julie also contributes towards the production of the village newsletter, the Gazette. She is keen to be part of an open and accessible Parish Council which listens carefully to residents' concerns, needs and wishes. New to the Parish Council, Julie has joined the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Publications Sub Committee



Mark Ridler



Mark moved to Gamlingay with his family in 1985. He attended Gamlingay Village College and Stratton. Mark now lives here with his wife Penny, three children, and Bob the tortoise. Mark has worked for a few local companies in the area, before starting up "The Thomas Tate Partnership" with his brother. In 2008 he decided to change career and retrained as a Gas Engineer and now works in Cambridge. Marks knowledge of the village and surrounding areas will help the Planning committee and the general council

Sarah Jones



Sarah and her husband Darren moved to the hamlet of The Cinques in 2000. At that time they both worked in London. Sarah at that time was working as the IT Change Manager for the British Standards Institution. Their son was born in 2004 and she took some years out to be a full-time mother. Sarah currently works for a local company. Their son is being educated in Potton. Sarah stood for parish councillor as she wanted to understand how it meets the needs of the community it serves. Other family members include two horses and a dog

Gamlingay Parish Council Staff

Leanne Bacon



Leanne has been Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer since November 2004. She holds a BA Honours degree in History from the University of Warwick. Leanne gained her Certificate in Local Council Administration in 2007 and is a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Her main responsibilities include all financial matters, maintenance of the website, updating the Council's social media accounts and publicity. Leanne is married with 3 sons and has lived in Gamlingay for 25 years.

Kirstin Rayner



Kirstin joined in March 2004. She previously worked in social housing development and for Sport England. Kirstin holds a degree and post graduate diploma in Urban Studies and Town and Regional Planning from the University of Sheffield. She is a keen sports person, having played for a local club for the past 12 years. Kirstin passed her CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) in 2007 and is a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks. She is also interested in local archaeology and established the local archaeology group GamArch. Main responsibilities include: Planning, development, protection of green spaces, staff management, project work, cemetery and tree management and the Old Methodist Chapel.



Kate Laugharne



Kate has lived in Gamlingay since 2002 and has worked for the Parish Council since 2011. She has a Bsc in Microbiology from the University of London. She is also employed by Gamlingay Community Centre as part-time manager of the Eco Hub and is on the organising committee of Gamlingay Village Show.

Keith Woolcott



Keith prunes, mends and strims
And even empties bins
He trucks to villages sites
With flashing beacon lights
He tends the cems, meadows and the like
And loves all things motorbike

Karen Woods



Karen works as part time cleaner for Parish Council owned community buildings since 2012 (The WI Hall and Old Methodist Chapel). She has lived in Gamlingay for 20 years and worked at Sunshine Pre - school for 15 and a half years.