

Bourton Parish Council Elections – 4 May

Statement from Carolyn Francis

Hello everyone

I have lived in Bourton for about twenty years. Within 24 hours I had met everyone in Church Row who welcomed me to the village and now I am the longest serving resident in the Row and have in turn welcomed new householders to Bourton.

I work as an environmental consultant for a civil engineering company, so much of my work is about co-ordinating environmental studies of the impacts of new or widening highways and railways on air quality, noise, biodiversity, water, land use, etc. So far, my projects are located some distance from Bourton, although I did once refuse to work on a highways scheme on the east side of Swindon to avoid a conflict of interest in case I wanted to object. I do take an interest in planning applications in the east Swindon – Shrivenham area, and over the years have sent my own objections to the local planning authority. I can bring this professional knowledge to discussions on planning applications to the Parish Council.

I volunteered to join Bourton Parish Council last year following the death of John Bean, who had done so much for Bourton over the years. I never realised what the Parish Council does for the village. For example, a simple task like painting the white lines along the road outside Church Row took a long time to sort out, but I strongly feel that this has made parking there safer. I hope to be able to contribute to improving the quality of lives of Bourton residents.

Regards

Carolyn

There are six candidates standing for five council positions:

*Carolyn Francis
Simon French
Fiona Ryan
Andy Knapp
Nial Ledingham
David Swann*