

Bourton Parish Council Elections – 4 May

Statement from Simon French

Greetings fellow Bourtonites,

Well this is all very odd! The last time I had to sell myself the quill had just gone out of fashion.

My nomination, In short, is that I like to lend a hand in the community I call 'home'. I don't have an agenda, just a willingness to stand up and do something for the community.

I like to remain approachable if you have issues to be raised at council meetings.

Much has been said, which I echo, by my fellow councillors, who must be applauded for their invaluable time and hard work on the village's behalf.

In my relatively short spell as Parish Councillor, I take very little credit for as all the hard work had been done over many months/years keeping the village and the parish largely untouched by the urban sprawl coming from both Swindon and Shrivenham. That said, local matters. Keeping on top of grass cutting, parking, liaising with Pinewood, fly tipping and dog poo are all things that are addressed via the Parish quorum are just as important. I do believe the Parish is well served in its current capacity.

Now, it's all about me, me, me...

- How long have I lived here?: 10 years
- What am I?: A Graphic Designer of 40+ years
- Favourite group: Status Quo
- Favourite social media platform: The Village Website
- Least favourite social media platform: Anything that goes 'ping' on my phone!
- How many committees am I currently on: 5
- How many years have I been on at least one committee: 35
- How long have I been on the Parish Council: Roughly 2.5 years
- What areas on committees have I covered, or still covering: Sport, Art, Publishing, Village Hall
- Favourite Letter of the alphabet: X
- Favourite Football Team: Manchester City
- Do I have a sense of humour: I let my shirts do the talking
- Favourite Role Model: Father Jack
- Why should you vote for me: Because I'm nice and I have my own teeth.

Vote for me... My dogs are!

Kind regards

Simon

There are six candidates standing for five council positions:

Carolyn Francis

Simon French

Fiona Ryan

Andy Knapp

Nial Ledingham

David Swann