



Odiham Parish Council

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Serving the People of
Odiham & North Warnborough

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WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

Odiham Parish Council owns and manages some community assets and amenities on behalf of residents. These include play areas, the recreation ground, cemetery, public toilets and pockets of land, e.g. an area of the Firs and at Colt Hill. We are a statutory consultee on planning applications. Our responses are informed by the Neighbourhood Plan since the Plan involved widespread consultation and the result was tested by a Parish referendum. Residents can ask to address any Council meeting including on planning. Dates and details are on the website and posted before each meeting on the OPC noticeboards in Odiham High Street and North Warnborough.

The Council works with other authorities on the provision of services and amenities such as traffic management, parking, street cleaning, street lighting and Odiham and Broad Oak commons.

If you have a query on any aspect of the services the Parish Council provides, you can find more detail on the website under 'Responsibilities'.



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

What would you like to see?

Looking over the possible projects the OPC could support in the coming 4 years we have identified the following potential priorities:

- Re-energising the High Street
- Enhancement of access to and interpretation of local heritage
- Development of sustainable transport infrastructure including cyclepaths
- Enhanced sporting and leisure facilities
- Increasing biodiversity in the Parish through planting trees and creating 'meadows'

What do you think? Which of these matter to you most? Do you have other priorities? Please take part in our online survey to tell us how you want your taxes invested in the community, or print and return a hard copy from the website or collect a printed copy from the Parish Office. The survey closes on 4 November 2019.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/odiham>

WHO ARE YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?

All Councillors were independent candidates nominated to stand in the elections on 2 May. There were 10 nominations for 10 seats so Hart declared that we were each "elected without a contest" hence there was no parish election. We became the new OPC from 7 May 2019.

We promise residents to work with you to serve the Community by:

- Keeping residents informed of Parish Council work and plans;
- Undertaking consultations on major proposals to help ensure evidence-based decision making;
- Continuing to ensure OPC supports events organised by individuals and organisations within the Parish such as the Extravaganza, Spooktacula, Armed Forces Day and Bands in the Bury;
- Respecting the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan because it was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Community.

ODIHAM WARD

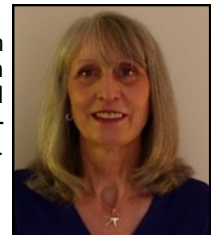


KATHRYN BALL

I have lived in Odiham and North Warnborough all my life and many of you will know me through the businesses I own and run in Odiham. I am very passionate about the future of our Parish. For Odiham and North Warnborough to flourish we must support a community that is thriving economically and socially. Local businesses and affordable housing are important parts of that picture, especially if we are to attract the younger generation to settle in the Parish. I support an annual programme of events that gives people of all ages and backgrounds opportunities to have fun together and help build a strong community. At the same time, we need to respect our history and preserve the heritage which makes Odiham and North Warnborough such special places to live and work. **Kathryn is Chair of the Community Committee.**

ROWENA COLEMAN

I have lived in Broad Oak since 1991. You may know me from my long association with the Cross Barn. I am still closely involved with the monthly cinema which I introduced in 2006. I managed the advertising pages in the Parish News for 14 years and also spent time on the editorial team. For the last five years I have served on the executive committee of the Odiham Society as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Having attended Parish Council meetings as an observer over the last couple of years, I was ready to serve on the Council. As a Councillor I bring experience gained from my teaching and business careers to benefit the Community.



WILL MacPHEE

I'm a software engineer who has lived in Odiham all my life. Working in London, Odiham is my escape and I love coming home to our historic parish with its friendly Community. I enjoy walking many of the local footpaths, you may have seen me out and about with my family's German Shepherd. When I'm not out walking, you'll find me at Odiham Tennis Club where I'm a playing member and have sat on the management committee for the past four years. As a Parish Councillor I want to see our Community continue to thrive. As a young person, priced out of the local property market, I'm keen to see more affordable housing in the area. At the same time, I'm passionate about protecting the unique character of the Parish with all its beautiful buildings and conservation areas.

JOHN RAW

I grew up in Hampshire; travelled globally for work and came to live in the heart of Odiham 4 years ago. I have a keen interest in; a flourishing High Street, the Neighbourhood Plan, listed heritage, clear pathways and calmly flowing traffic. As a Chartered Engineer, I worked for a number of telecomms companies at company director level and run my own telecomms consultancy based in the High Street. I have appeared as a technical expert on BBC Watchdog. I feel able to draw on my business skills and knowledge to benefit the Parish, passionately standing for a vibrant community with inclusion and equality at its heart. **John is Chair of the Amenity Committee and Vice Chair of the Council.**



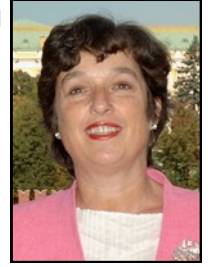
CAROLYN SEABROOK

We moved to Odiham 10 years ago to be nearer our children and grandchildren. Before that we had lived in London, Northern California and, for 7 years, in Brussels. In London I had my own relocation business, getting people happily settled when they were posted from overseas. I have volunteered in the Parish in various ways including driving for the Care Group and running the Toy Stall at the fete. Now, I feel we are at an important time in our very special Community and as a Parish Councillor I want to help to shape the future. I care about planning, not just for the residents' sake but for all the people who visit this area to enjoy its history and charm.

PAM VERDON

I have lived in Odiham for 35 years and have always played an active role in the Community. Over the years I have taken up the following roles:

- Secretary of the Care Group
- Joint Editor of the Parish News for over 20 years
- Committee member of Odiham Tennis Club for 18 years and Chairman for 7
- Governor at Buryfields Infant School
- Secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
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As a Parish Councillor, I am happy to meet with residents and community groups to discuss any matters and report back to Council meetings and give my full support to the groups which organise our village events. **Pam is Chair of the Planning Committee.**

NORTH WARNBOROUGH WARD**JOHN COFFEY**

I have lived in North Warnborough for over 25 years and in that time, I have seen many changes, not all positive. With a background in management consulting and training I have, since retiring, become involved with supporting the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. This has made me realise that the people of North Warnborough have an energy and interest in what's happening and want to have a voice in the future regarding new housing developments, affordable housing, schooling, traffic control, leisure facilities and policing. My prime objective, as a Councillor is to make sure that the views of residents are represented on

the Parish Council.

ANGELA MCFARLANE

I moved to North Warnborough in February 2018 and have had family connections to the area for 40 years. As a life-long educator and researcher I understand the power of community and collaboration. I welcome the opportunity to serve the Community which makes this such a special place. I am a trustee of the Accessible Boating Association based in Odiham at Colt Hill. You may have met me dressed as an elf at the Odiham Extravaganza! As a Councillor I champion the environment and take a special interest in ensuring that the delights of Odiham and North Warnborough are fully accessible to those less mobile. **Angela is Chair of the Full Council.**

**DAVID STEWART**

I first moved to RAF Odiham in 1984 as a Chinook pilot and am currently the Unit Test Pilot for the Chinook fleet. Our three sons grew up here; two still live in Odiham. Our home has been in North Warnborough for 16 years and I plan to be here forever! This is my second term as a Parish Councillor. I was a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and have tried to ensure that the development this thriving settlement needs does not have an adverse effect on its rich history. As a keen walker and cyclist, I am an advocate for more paths and lead a group of volunteers helping to maintain the local footpaths. I also initiated the Canal Raft Race which returned in September. I seek to ensure that expenditure within the Parish is reasonable and cost-effective. I believe that the demands we make on you, our precept payers, should be modest and justifiable.

David is Chair of the Traffic and Transport Committee.

RAF ODIHAM WARD**MIKE KILLICK**

I have served as a Chinook pilot at RAF Odiham for the last 13 years; and I can say that during my time living in and around the local area, the relationship between the local Community and the Station has never been as strong. The fantastic turnout, and levels of support shown last year at the RAF 100 celebrations are testament to how close we have grown. This ongoing and continued relationship is vital to the continued success of RAF Odiham in supporting UK Defence missions and tasks worldwide.

I not only represent those who serve, but more importantly, those Service families who live here, whose contribution to the defence of this country is of the highest value. Likewise, we also owe it to you, the local Community, to provide support through effective communication and local initiatives to ensure that your concerns and questions are considered in all decision-making processes.

Parish Councillors are unpaid and at the Annual Meeting of Council in May decided not to collect the annual allowance they are offered.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Staffing changes

After 7 years of service to the community and Parish Council, The Executive Officer, Mrs Sarah Weir, has left Odiham for pastures new. We thank her and offer her our best wishes for the future. In the interim we have been joined by Mrs Mary Harris who is acting as Locum Clerk until we find a new Parish Clerk

Speeding in the Village

OPC is monitoring vehicle speeds and traffic volumes around the Parish with our Speed Indicator Device (SID). Data from the recent deployment on Dunley's Hill showed speed is an issue there which has been reported to the police. Please let us know of roads in the Parish where you'd like to see the SID installed. You may have seen the latest deployment on the High Street near London road.

New Bus Shelter

Funding has been accepted to place a new bus shelter on the Alton Road opposite the site of the former Crown public house for buses coming from the Alton direction. We are awaiting confirmation of the installation date.

Cemetery Rules

Following research into common practice elsewhere, practice over recent years and input from residents, the Council has made some small adjustments to the Cemetery Rules. These include allowing black granite and slightly larger headstones, both of which are already common in the Cemetery. The restriction on engraving on the rear of headstones was also lifted. The full rules can be found on the website. We hope these adjustments will enable families to remember their loved ones in ways they see fit whilst preserving the special nature of Odiham's historic, lawned Cemetery.

Tennis Courts

A new lease with Odiham Tennis Club will pass responsibility for day to day management of the courts to the Club. One of these courts is available for public use and will be booked and paid for online instead of through the Parish Office. This will make it easier and quicker to book a court and support the Tennis Club in its aim to get more residents playing tennis. For more information please go to <https://odihamtennisclub.org.uk/index.php/court-availability/>

Armed Forces Day

Thanks go to the many volunteers who made this another great day for the Parish, and particularly to the RAF for the parade which started off the day. Congratulations to David Woodward, Iain Tunstell and Sally Tunstell, worthy winners of this year's Community Awards. Certificates were presented by Ranil Jayawardena MP, Sharyn Wheale, Leader of Hart District Council and Angela McFarlane. The Box Cart Race and Bands in the Bury were great successes once again.

Look out for....

Spooktacula	26 October 2019
Odiham Extravaganza	30 November 2019
Carols in the Bury	21 December 2019
Father Christmas on the Canal at Odiham	14, 21, 22 & 23 December 2019
https://www.accessibleboating.org.uk/	
VE Day	8 May 2020

Further information will be available on the website and Facebook pages.

The Guides' special red postboxes will be in High Street shops between Monday 2nd and Friday 13th December. Cards will be delivered over the week following 13th. All donations to a charitable cause.



CONTACT US

The Parish office is usually open to the public between 9.30 am and 2 pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We would however recommend phoning in advance to ensure the office is attended.

If you would like to keep up to date with Parish Council matters and community events please visit our website at www.odiham.org.uk or for those of you with a penchant for social media, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/odihamparishCouncil/>.

A calendar of Council meetings can be found on the website. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings. Agendas are published on the website giving 3 clear days' notice prior to the meeting along with draft minutes of the previous meeting and meeting papers.