



# **Tidbury Green Parish Council**

## **ELECTIONS Thursday 2nd May 2019**

**As most of you will be aware Parish and Town Council Elections take place on 2 May 2019. Parish and Town Councils are the first tier of Local Government who work to represent and promote the interests of the community that it serves.**

**There are seven candidates nominated for the five vacancies that exist within Tidbury Green Parish Council.**

**To provide each of the seven candidates with an equal opportunity and to apply an unbiased approach, I Charlotte Kirby as the Parish Council's Clerk contacted all seven candidates. I provided them with an opportunity to communicate with the electorate, by providing a brief personal statement of up to 110 words, for inclusion in this document, which will be delivered to all Tidbury Green homes.**

**Personal Statements provided can be found on the following page.**

**We hope that you review the personal statements below  
and vote on the 2 May 2019.**

### **Chris Farr**

Chris was born in Birmingham, and moved to Solihull as a 13 year old. He and his family have always had strong connections with Tidbury Green and he moved to Lowbrook Lane in 1993.

Chris is employed as an Executive Director of a steel distribution company, which is part of an international Group.

He always took a keen interest in the Residents Association and was an active member of it from 2003 to its disbandment in 2009. He was then elected to your Parish Council, when it was established in 2009, and has remained a Councillor since.

### **Lyn Gardner**

Lyn and her husband Tony have enjoyed living in Tidbury Green for the past 28 years.

Lyn spent her career as a lecturer and senior manager in Further Education with her final 18 years working at a specialist residential College for the visually impaired. Lyn currently works part-time as an examination invigilator at a local College and an examiner for an international examining board. Lyn spent 8 years as an LEA Governor at Tidbury Green School.

Lyn is keen to ensure Tidbury Green remains a pleasant safe place to live and the local environment including wildlife are sustained for all residents in the future.

### **Azra K Hussain**

Azra is a practising solicitor and has been a Parish Councillor for four years, and is currently vice-chair.

She was born, raised and educated in Birmingham, moving to Tidbury Green 9 years ago. Her son attends Tidbury Green School at which she was a parent Governor for a full term.

She has been heavily involved in raising funds for a local community sports club and recently has become involved in the local litter picking initiative by regularly litter picking.

She has a keen interest in raising local awareness of issues affecting the village, assisting in improving the quality of life for residents and acting in the best interests of residents at all times.

### **Mark Rehorn**

A resident since 1998 he has successfully championed many issues on behalf of residents: stopping illegal HGV's speeding, increasing surveillance on dog fouling, littering, speeding and ensuring you have your voice heard at SMBC executive level. He believes that he needs another term to ensure a succession plan with the new residents as well as satisfying the needs of the existing community.

His aims are:

- Ensure that the CEO of Solihull continues to hear your voice.
- Ensure the West Midlands Mayor serves you
- Not being ignored
- Control Speeding & Fly Tipping
- A sense of community amongst residents for fun and protection
- Protect The Green Belt
- Council with alacrity not apathy.

### **Graham Thomas**

Drawing on his experience as a Chartered Accountant, Graham agreed to become Treasurer of Tidbury Green Residents Association and Tidbury Green Village Hall in 2004.

He has served as a Parish Councillor following the first election after the formation of the Parish Council on 1 April 2009.

He took on the role of Chairman of the Parish Council from May 2015 to date. He continues to be a member of the Management Committee of Tidbury Green Village Hall, for which he undertakes some administrative duties.

### **Lynn Waites**

As a fairly new resident of Tidbury Green, Lynn is very grateful and excited about the opportunity to represent this beautiful Parish; she aims to bring old and new residents together to build an exciting future for Tidbury Green, whilst keeping old traditions alive.

In her professional life, Lynn is a Chartered Building Surveyor, often representing and supporting the views of local residents to their City Council and project managing building works.

This means that she is a confident communicator and proactive woman who is used to working with different agencies, communities and families.

### **Richard Waugh**

Richard moved to Tidbury Green with his young family in 2016, having been attracted by the green surroundings and semi-rural location of the village.

He is a solicitor by profession and believes his legal experience would be of benefit to the Parish Council in its administration and activities.

Richard feels strongly about protecting the village feel of Tidbury Green and is keen to ensure that all areas of the village, old and new, are well integrated and represented. He already takes an interest in local planning issues and, if elected, would do his best to defend the parish and its green belt areas against inappropriate development.