

ANGMERING VILLAGE LIFE

MAY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(cut and pasted from the Angmering Village FaceBook site)
(no particular order)

RHYS EVANS

I write to introduce myself as one of your Candidates for the APC.

My Name is Rhys Evans, having lived in Angmering for 3 years (on one of the newer estates) and Rustington for the previous 12, I consider myself a local. Most of you would have seen me about, walking my Black Labrador in our beautiful down land setting or in one of our wonderful Hostelryes.!!

My Wife and I love where we live ,and it was due to this that I decided to join the council 18 months ago. It was a Difficult process to adapt from my Daily working world of fast-moving decision implementation, to the more protracted world of Local Government. However, the insight has been valuable, The Parish Council although derided on Social Media is integral to maintaining the Heart of this Parish and to Bringing the whole community together, from the established Houses of the Conservation areas to the vibrant estates on the new Angmering Boundaries.

Since my Inclusion on the Parish I have worked to help re model the role the Parish office plays at the Heart of our village.

We have a new staff structure in place, with a greater openness and willingness to engage with an open-door policy to all the Parish

Extended hours and increased Social media and Web based presence, give an informed message to the community and closing the previous disconnect and increasing accessibility especially by becoming Dementia aware.

Parish meetings are well documented and welcoming. Your views matter and are encouraged New Community events are planned and cooperation with the Traders and local clubs to integrate and build a Community Spirit , last Sunday's litter pick for example is the pre cursor to developing more Parish inclusive events.

The Angmering Parish council is at the Heart of the community but is here to serve not dictate. Change and pace of Change is inevitable but if managed correctly should be for a positive outcome. Help me as your local Parish councillor continue to encourage the community to Come together to support our local businesses. Spend your money in the village, give opportunities to local, People in terms of employment and prospects.

I support the CLT housing scheme which aims to give local residents an opportunity to live and work in our community in the best affordable way. Let's be a Parish of looking forward to opportunity rather than looking back and reminiscing about the Past. Both play a part in shaping our Village but not defining it, only you can do that

Please use your vote on Thursday 2nd may to help me to continue the Progress made and Bring all aspects of the community together to create somewhere we are all proud to call Home.

MIKE HILL-SMITH

Parish elections are here again, trust I can rely on your support especially for the work I am putting in for disability both physical and mental. Have been sitting on the Arun District Dementia Alliance steering group.

STEVEN MOUNTAIN

I am standing in the election of 2nd May and as a current member of Angmering Parish Council would like to gain your support to enable me to continue as a Councillor for another 4 years. I have lived in Angmering for 26 years and for the past 12 years have involved myself in supporting our community and hopefully using my business skills to enhance and improve our local environment for the benefit of all.

Some years ago now I was honoured to be asked by the PC to project manage on behalf of the PC the building of The Angmering Community Centre and with help from the trustees, especially Val Jerram delivered a facility which has gone from strength to strength.

In my role as Chairman of the Planning Committee I was involved in obtaining substantial funding for Infrastructure projects in our village after Arun DC declared the sites East of Roundstone Lane as strategic development. Once Arun had done this the PC is virtually powerless to oppose the house building however we are able to bring a great deal of pressure on the planners which in this case provided millions of pounds to be scheduled in the S106 in which the two primary projects are the A259 Dual Carriageway (currently starting) and a new 2 Form Primary School in the southern part of the village (land negotiations currently underway).

At this time along with John Oldfield PC Chair I sit on the Angmering Advisory Group which covers all major developments in the village and where we have developed a realistic working relationship with Arun D C which will enable the delivery of new sports facilities, potential employment sites and further road improvements such as a Roundabout at the Water Lane/A280 junction.

I have long promoted the principle of a Roundstone Lane/A280 link road to give the 1700+ houses who exit onto Roundstone Lane an alternative to the use of Weavers Hill or the A259 roads. This can now only be delivered when the Rugby Club development is undertaken and if elected will continue to fight for this road with a Roundabout on the A 280 thus giving many a much better in and out route to the southern part of the village.

As the Parish representative on highway matters working with District and County Councils on the JEAAC committee I was able to promote and get constructed the footpath/cycleway on the north side of the A259 together with the lights crossing on Station road thus providing a protected route for students to/from Rustington and beyond to the Angmering School. (I am also a Governor at Angmering School).

I have need involved since the inception of the Angmering Community Land Trust and currently am a board member helping to deliver the project at Mayflower Way in what I hope will be the start of many truly affordable houses in our village.

The issue of the Angmering South Ward which covers hundreds of houses between the A259 and the Railway will resurface after these elections. If this area were to be lost to Angmering Parish and become part of East Preston Parish there will be a very large financial implication for us running to thousands of pounds which would need a large increase in council tax precept. I am totally against this suggested (by East Preston PC) and will continue to support the Angmering Parish boundary as it currently is.

The recent changes in the Parish which I fully support have resulted in much improved communications and subsequent engagement with the Parish and I would welcome the chance to be part of this bright and exciting future. This future includes the Chandlers site redevelopment which is a project I have been part of since the site became available.

Should anyone wish to know additional information please contact me either through this forum or direct at steven.mountain@angmering-pc.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this post

NIKKI HAMILTON-STREET

I am standing as a Parish Councillor on 2nd May, I have been a coopted Councillor since 2015.

I became a Councillor because I strongly believe in localism - that decisions for communities are best made by communities, and therefore as a Parish Councillor I could support and influence the decisions being made about our beautiful village.

I have worked with children, young people and families as a Youth Worker and Manager in West Sussex for over 25 years, most recently in the Arun area. I bring the insight I have gained to support decisions, and can advocate for facilities, resourcing and changes for this under represented part of our community.

I have Chaired the Community, Leisure, Environment and Well-being Committee for the last 2 years. And have personally driven through our litter and dog waste approach. Thank you again everyone that turned out at our recent village litter pick ! Our community events continue to grow from the Memory Tree to the BMX Fun Day, and this year will see the addition of our Village Fun Dog Show in July - how much do you look like your dog ?!

We still have lots to do - implement the outcomes of the Play Area Consultation, bring a coordinated Sports Hub to the village and ensure that the development at Chandlers delivers the Hub in the centre of the village that we all can use. So I would welcome your vote, so I can help to ensure that these happen to enhance our village.

Social Media and an accessibility online is vital for a modern Council. I have written our Comms Strategy and arranged training for the office team, so the Parish Council is now better equipped to be communicating and hearing what our residents are saying.

You will see my husband Lee (also a Parish Councillor) and myself being taken for a walk by our Springer Idris around the village. He is always happy to say hello, so please stop us if you have any questions or want to raise anything.

Please don't let the issues happening at national level affect your democratic right to vote for local Councillors. I am not affiliated to any party, just ensuring that we get the best for Angmering. So I would be privileged to receive your vote, as one of the 11 Parish Councillors that you can elect.

LEE-HAMILTON-STREET

I am standing as one of your candidates for Angmering Parish Council. I have been a co-opted councillor for 4 years. I became a Councillor because Parish Councils were the only tier of local government at the time that did not have a cap on the amount they could raise their precept by and I wanted to know and have a say where my / our money was being spent.

As a Councillor I have chaired the Governance and Oversight Committee, introducing up to date policies and procedures to ensure the council meets its legal responsibilities. I am part of the staffing group where I helped select and appoint the new Parish Clerk and Office Manager. This has brought a fresh and more approachable side to the Council.

I am responsible for introduction the Angmering Community Speed Watch. This scheme is designed to keep Angmering a safe place and reduce anti social driving. Thank you to Tony Cross and the volunteers who give up their time that aid us to live in a stronger safer community.

I wrote the Angmering Resilience plan. This highlighted the main situations that can disrupt village life and highlighted vulnerable people that may be affected. This has given the Parish Office a tool box of actions and resources pre, during and after an event to use to reduce its impact.

I bring as a recently retired Fire Officer with 30 years service across West Sussex and international disaster deployment, (the last 14 years managing groups of Fire Stations including Chichester and Littlehampton and managing projects for West Sussex up to national level) a good working knowledge of local government at all levels. This enables me to breakdown

bureaucratic barriers and navigate through the red tape that can be encountered and bring a fresh and solution focused way of addressing local issues.

I have chaired various blue light committees including Arun and Chichester road safety action group for many years. This brought all Services and Local Authorities to work together in community action projects. As part of the Chichester and then Arun Community safety partnership I chaired the joint action group which again brought together all parties to undertake projects to tackle antisocial behaviour.

Since the age of 11, I have always volunteered locally, including 18 years as crew, Helm and launching authority with Littlehampton RNLI helping make our community safer.

Along with my wife who is also a Parish Councillor, we own a Springer Spaniel and I am very passionate about exploring our local countryside (Yes I do pick up after him !) and I also represent the Parish at the South Down National Park meetings.

I believe in good governance for the Council so not to waste our money. Community safety to make Angmering a safe and enjoyable place to live and work and I support appropriate home building to enable local people afford to live in their village.

I am not affiliated to any political party and am use to listening to all the information available to make a decision for action.

On 2nd May you will be asked to vote for 11 out of 13 candidates. If you feel I have the skills, experience and knowledge to represent you on the Council, I would be honoured to have your vote.

JOHN OLDFIELD

I'm John Oldfield, one of those standing for re-election to the Parish Council on 2nd May

By profession I'm a chartered Civil and Structural Engineer. After retiring as Head of Engineering of a London Borough , I became the Practice Manager of a NHS GP Surgery and still act as their Business Manager. After National Service in the Royal Engineers I served in the Army Reserve for 24 years.

My wife and I have always loved Angmering and this area, holidaying and visiting regularly since the mid sixties and eventually moving here to West Drive 10 years ago. Our daughter and granddaughter moved to the village at the same time.

I have been an Angmering Parish Councillor for 6 years and, through my Engineering, Local Government and NHS experience, have been able to play a constructive part in its various committees and activities. The Council is absolutely non political and councillors work together as a team. Over the last year I have had the privilege of being the Council Chair.

Whereas previous developments have brought life and vibrancy to the village we feel the 800 proposed in the north are a step too far and will have a detrimental effect on the landscape and environment They have, however, been declared essential and strategic by Arun District Council and our objections are being rejected.175 south of Water Lane have already been approved and realistically the 625 north of Water Lane will be approved over the next few months.

2 of us sit on the Angmering Advisory Group which was set up by the District to allow us "some" insight into their proposals. We have at least been able to influence layout and design and to make sure of substantial financial contributions towards the village infrastructure. These together with sums secured from earlier developments will enable -

- A new primary school in the south of the village
- More rooms at the Medical Centre
- Improved sports facilities, including a new pavilion and 3G pitches, at Palmer Road
- Contributions to the Angmering Flood Risk Management Project

It is anticipated that the developments will include a roundabout at the Water Lane/A280 junction - we are still fighting for a link to the A280 from Roundstone Lane.

I helped set up the Community Land Trust and now sit on the Board ably chaired by Tony Cross, They will soon start building 12 truly affordable rent houses for people who live or work in the village,

I am helping on the redevelopment of the Chandlers Site. The up to date plans can be seen in the Parish office. They are also available on our website under the minutes of the Council Meeting of 8th April

A small team of us have started work on revising the Neighbourhood Plan which will set out our aims and objectives for the next 15-20 years. Continuing with this will be a top priority for those elected to the Council

We are just one organization in the village and we all rely on each other for its wellbeing. The Council not only needs councillors but also welcomes, and needs, the help from villagers with specialist knowledge and from anybody who has new ideas or can see changes required. So, if you feel you can help, do call in to the office on The Square. Our new team, lead by Katie Herr, are a friendly bunch and will make you very welcome

I would like to be able to stay on the Council and help bring these projects to fruition and would welcome a vote(you will have up to 11) on 2nd May

DAVID MARSH

Please allow me to introduce myself as a candidate for the above election. I'm David Marsh and I've lived in the village for 3 years. I am, however, local having grown up in Goring and lived and worked in Littlehampton, Rustington and East Preston. Moving to the village is one of the best things my wife Hilary and I have done, we live next door to our best friends and we are surrounded by the best neighbours we could wish for. Some of you in the village may have come across me professionally (please don't hold it against me) as I was a teacher at The Littlehampton Community School for 35 years and it was my work in Citizenship education that inspired me to seek co-option to Angmering Parish Council. I thought I'd better practice what I had taught and become an 'Active Citizen'.

Although I hold strong political views my work on APC is wholly 'apolitical'. We work as a team to try to do what we believe is best for our village. We have resisted the large scale development on the fringes of Angmering, but our objections have largely been ignored by both Arun District and the Government Inspector. That said we will now fight to ensure that money generated by these developments is use to enhance Angmering and is not siphoned of for projects in other areas of Arun. We will always defend the Village centre, the conservation zone ensures that what ever happens on the edge of the village our picturesque centre will remain largely untouched, even the ugly Chandlers site will be developed as far as is possible to ensure a coherence with the surrounding buildings, if you haven't seen the plans pop into the Parish office and have a look.

Please remember that you can tick up to eleven names on the Parish voting slip and regardless of how you feel about national politics this is a Local Election so please do vote.

If you feel that I will continue to do a good job for the village please share this rather rambling request for you vote.

SHARLAN KERRY WOODASON

Just wanted to introduce myself, I am Sharlan Kerry Woodason, a parent of four lovely boys, ages from four to eighteen years, I am hoping to be elected as one of your Parish Councillors on the 2nd May.

I have lived in the village for 8 years now, working locally and busy being a Mum.

I would really like to represent all of the Angmering community, new and old. Some of the topics I would like to look into are, child safety with ever increasing traffic, facilities for young and old.

Play parks being monitored for antisocial behaviour, so that we can all feel safe in the community.

I would love the opportunity to bring a fresh face to the council, encouraging the increasing families of Angmering to come forward, and speak out on their concerns, or needs.

Please help me to get elected and represent the people of Angmering.

My interests will be in regards to:

Accessible local services that reflect the community needs, and supports its health, social and cultural well-being.

Environmental facilities (Green spaces and sports)

Allotment, and play areas.

Social facilities (Health and social community facilities.

Traffic congestion and safety.

And a voice for the lovely people of Angmering.

SYLVIA VERRINDER

I am standing once again as a Parish Councillor for Angmering. I was a Councillor during 2009 to 2016, but due to personal and medical reasons had to retire. However, since then, the situation has very much improved. During the past three years, I have missed working on behalf of the Parish and therefore have decided to stand again for the benefit of Angmering. During my time as a Councillor, I worked on the Neighbourhood Plan, the flooding problems experienced by Angmering and stood on and chaired some of the external committees on behalf of Angmering. I was also a founder member of Angmering in Bloom and the Community Land Trust. I have lived in the Parish for 31 years during which time, I have seen it grow and change quite substantially. I currently stand (and have done so since my time as a Councillor) as a member of the Arun District Conservation Area Advisory Panel (ADCAAP) representing the Angmering Conservation Area. I am also a Trustee of the Angmering Community Centre and through the U3A (University of the Third Age) teach beginners watercolour art to those members wishing to learn to paint. I feel I still have a lot to give to Angmering and would welcome your support on the 2nd May 2019.

ADDED AT THE REQUEST OF SPECIFIC CANDIDATES (not on Facebook)

PAUL BICKNELL

(From Parish Council website)(written 3+ years' ago)

I have lived in Angmering for the past 18 years after moving from the West Midlands to work for a motor manufacturer based in Worthing.

I am formally qualified in electronics, working mainly in the Aerospace and automotive industries but for the past 10 years he has been working for a local utility company using my electronics experience.

Since moving to Angmering, I have represented the community by becoming a parish councillor and then was elected as a District Councillor in 2005, a position I still hold.

I have strived to improve the local infrastructure focusing mainly on roads and pavements, and to retain and improve the local leisure facilities including the local rugby club, football club; also the nearby swimming pool and amateur theatre

Campaigned for

- Giving back the footpaths to the pedestrian also to accommodate pushchairs for the young and mobility scooters for the elderly
- A new junior school south of the village to be built on the education land initially allocated for such a school
- Improvements to the A259 road and its adjacent pavements, also the proposed duelling from the Angmering bypass to Rustington bypass
- Improved drainage within Angmering and either side of the A27 at Arundel Road, Hammerpot
- The replacement of the Littlehampton Hospital that was demolished to rebuild a new hospital that was cancelled the week after the Hospital was demolished

Within Angmering over a number of years I was the instigator on achieving the

- Honey Lane footpath and lights to improve the safe route to schools
- Closure of the unguarded railway crossing (Paget's crossing) that has been a major concern to parents and the school due to a fatal accident and a number of near miss incidents
- Additional lighting on the footbridge over the A259 to improve pedestrian safety
- Installation of a number of new litter and dog bin locations and replacement of old and broken bins
- Pedestrian crossing on A259 between Downs Way and Angmering School / open space
- Extensive pavement improvements and road widening at the Roundstone level crossing
- Improved street lighting within Downs Way
- New letterbox on the High Street at Roundstone Lane
- Stopping of early morning deliveries to BMW in the village
- Right turn into Sainsburys thus reducing the traffic on the Station Road roundabout
- The recently constructed pathway north of Sainsburys

ALAN WYN EVANS

I am Alan Evans and was co-opted onto the Parish Council in November 2018. I will be standing for election for the Parish Council Elections this May. Please feel free to contact me at Alan.evans@angmering-pc.gov.uk. I live on Bramley Green.

I was brought up in the Southampton area before going to University in Nottingham where I stayed for 35 years. I worked as a teacher and senior leader in a very large secondary school in Nottinghamshire. After moving to Angmering six and half years ago, I undertook a part time role at the Littlehampton Academy. I have been on governing bodies of schools in Nottingham and run local sports teams. Hopefully, I can use these varied experiences and skills to represent the people of Angmering on the Parish Council.

What made me want to become a councillor? I began by being interested in the views expressed by people in the village and the way that councillors often appeared to be blamed. I spoke at a general meeting about this and after getting the thoughts of a number of people was eventually co-opted onto the council in November 2018. I felt that by becoming a councillor I could use my skills and abilities to give back to the people in the village who have made my wife and I (and our boxer dog Ralph) so welcome since we moved here six years ago.

As a councillor, I want to maintain the community in the village by developing an effective and efficient council. I also want to try to link together, as far as possible, all the groups that are in the village and be proactive in dealing with the issues that arise. Furthermore, I want to represent the views and decisions of the majority of the village across all age groups. I would like to ensure these are made prominent and not just those who shout the loudest and moan the most.

I have a wide variety of hobbies including gym workouts, cycling, table tennis, indoor bowls and dog walking. I also enjoy watching live sport (I'm a Southampton season ticket holder!), going to music concerts and the theatre, especially comedy, as much as possible. I also help my wife out at our allotment. I enjoy relaxing by socialising with my wife and friends in both local pubs in the village and Angmering Manor.

MIKE JONES

My name is Michael (Mike) Jones (not to be confused with the estate agent) and I would like to gain your support to enable me to continue as one of your Parish Councillors at the elections on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

I was previously co-opted onto the Parish Council at the beginning of 2016 but, due to personal reasons, I resigned at the beginning of 2018. I rejoined the Council in January of this year and currently sit on the Community, Leisure, Environment and Well Being Committee. I am also currently assisting with the review on the Village Resilience Plan.

My wife and I have lived in beautiful Angmering for the last 8 years and we have four grown up children between us. My wife currently sits on the board of the Community Land Trust which aims to give local residents the opportunity to live in affordable accommodation in the village. This is something that we are both passionate about.

Prior to my retirement in 2010, I was in the Police Service for 45 years and have served as a Police Dog Handler, Instructor and Civilian Instructor, a career that I thoroughly enjoyed. I currently have a nine year old German Shepherd which I regularly exercise at Mayflower Park. Many residents will know the dog and not necessarily me, as we are very much a dog friendly village, although I do talk to villagers on my travels.

I have always, throughout my service, been very community minded and this has been passed down to two of our sons with one in the Police Service and another in the Fire Service. To complete the trilogy the third should have been in the Ambulance Service but he cannot stand the sight of blood.

I am also a member of the Sussex Community Search Team who operate in Sussex and Surrey to search for lost and vulnerable adults and children and will be called out at short notice to undertake searching irrespective of the conditions or terrain and we are guided by Sussex Police on every search.

On a final note I firmly believe that Angmering has a very solid future and should be looking forward to progress as a community which everyone should be proud to live in. This I believe is being achieved and, with your vote on the 2nd May, help me to continue the good work already being undertaken by the Parish Council.

NORMA HARRIS

Having lived in Angmering for almost nineteen years and being involved in various organisations, six years ago I felt that I would like to play some part in helping to care for our lovely village, so applied and was accepted on to the Parish Council. I always feel it is better to know what can and cannot be done through the Council and have found it somewhat sad where housing is pushed through by Arun, but in other ways quite inspiring.

I have been on the various Council committees as well as being representative for the Twinning Association and on occasions ASRA, and would appreciate your vote for me to be able to continue my involvement with our village life