

Statement: Using the Person Specification overleaf as a guide, please explain in up to 100 words why you consider yourself to be a suitable candidate and your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor:

I have a strong held belief that I would like to support and give back to my local community. Graveley is a wonderful place that my wife and I have chosen to start our life together in and so I would like to do my bit to support our community.

I have post-graduate qualifications in law, politics and history which have provided me with a deep knowledge of many subjects. This includes areas of law such as planning, which I used for a few years while employed as a conveyancer for housebuilders. This has given me insight into how to read and understand lots of forms of planning documents.

My education has also allowed me to build on my knowledge of political institutions and understanding the relationship between Westminster, local authorities (such as County and District councils), and local communities (such as Town and Parish councils). I have taught such subjects at university level too.

I believe that I bring a lot of knowledge and skills to this role and I am keen to use this to support my community immediately, and as we move towards a new system of unitary authorities when parish councils such as ours will become the last form of local representation.