Supporting Statements from Candidates Seeking Election to the Parish Member Vacancy on South Cambridgeshire District Council's Standards Committee 2010-14

Councillor Bill Agg

Caxton Parish Council is pleased to nominate Bill Agg.

Supporting Statement

I have been a Parish Councillor for Caxton since April 2003 and Chairman since 2006.

During this period the behaviour and performance of Parish Councillors has come under ever greater scrutiny.

I have also recently experienced the working of the Standards Committee first hand.

I believe that this combination of experience as a Parish Councillor and as someone reported to and subsequently cleared by the Standards Committee has given me useful insight and understanding of the potential conflicts that can arise for Parish Councillors when dealing with local matters.

I believe that this balance will be of great benefit to the he vacant role of parish Council member on the Standards Committee.

Councillor Patricia Awbery-Maskell,

Sawston Parish Council has agreed to nominate Councillor Patricia Awbery-Maskell.

Supporting Statement

My name is Patricia Awbery- Maskell currently working as a currency consultant for Travelex. I have many years experience working with the public having worked for Barclays Bank as a Personal Banker for over twenty years.

I moved to Sawston in 1976 with my husband and four sons who were all educated at Sawston Village College, in that time I have become involved in village activities especially the parish council.

I have been a parish councillor since 2002 working for the community, especially trying to acquire premises for a much needed community centre for the village. I would like to be considered to represent the parish council on the Standards Committee as I feel it is an important job dealing with the assessment of local complaints regarding the conduct of district or parish councillors.

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Councillor Alan Brett

Melbourn Parish Council has agreed to nominate Councillor Alan Brett.

Supporting Statement

My wife and I have lived in Melbourn for over 25 years, and our two daughters were mainly brought up there. I joined the Melbourn Parish Council in July, 2009, and currently serve on its Planning (Vice-Chairman) and Conservation Committees. I am also a member of the Steering Committee responsible for producing the Melbourn Village Plan.

Before my retirement in September 2009, I practised as a solicitor for 37 years, the last 32 of which were spent as a partner in a large regional law firm which has offices in Cambridge, Northampton and Milton Keynes. I served as Managing Partner of the firm for exactly 10 years, followed by a term as Senior Partner. I have LLM degrees from Cambridge and Birmingham Universities, and an MBA degree obtained by part-time study in 1998. After graduating in the early 1970s, I supervised in law at two Colleges of Cambridge University, and have occasionally lectured to law students since that time. I have served as a Governor of a school in Cambridge, and have been a member or chairman of various professional and property groups there.

I would like to serve as a member of the Standards Committee of South Cambridgeshire because I think it is very important that proper and uniform standards are maintained in public roles at the local as well as national level. I think my legal and management background and experience should enable me to interpret and apply rules and principles in a fair and appropriate way, so as best to achieve their objectives and maintain their integrity. It would also be a stimulating challenge.

Councillor Norma Kay,

Waterbeach Parish Council has agreed to nominate Councillor Norma Kay.

Supporting Statement

None received.