

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.