

Supporting Statements from Councillors Bristow and Martin

Councillor Rick Bristow, Cottenham Parish Council

Roderick (Rick) Leslie Bristow

D o B: 16/12/48

Graduate of Law (LLB) Leicester 1970

Entered the world of business August 1970

First of a series of directorships 1978; 1979 - 1995 managing director of several group subsidiaries; main board director of the Plc 1995/1996 post which, and due to the terminal illness of my daughter, chose to resign.

Moved to Cottenham June 1998. Became embroiled in the Travellers dispute of 2003/4, and continue to take a keen interest in Traveller affairs. I was invited to join the Cottenham Parish Council in 2005 and in 2007 started a three year term as chairman. Resigned from the council in July 2010, having been elected for a fourth term, due to a code of conduct complaint which, having taken the time that it did, made it impossible to represent the village in the appropriate manner. Rejoined the PC early in February this year.

Reason for wishing to represent the standards committee: "Having breached the code of conduct, albeit unintentionally, it became necessary to get a fuller appreciation of that code its strengths and its weaknesses. That code is about to change and the interpretation of its replacement will be left to those with a local knowledge. I would like to think that I am sufficiently experienced, open minded and impartial, as to be able to compliment any existing team charged with overseeing the 'enforcement' of both the current and any new code."

Councillor Simon Martin, Teversham Parish Council

I am applying to the Standards committee as a Parish Councillor in the hope that I will be chosen as a member of the committee.

I have lived in Cambridge and the surrounding area most of my life being educated in the City. I attended college to study Art and Design in Preston and then went on to further Study Art back in Cambridge.

I currently run a family business, Teversham Motors, located in Teversham village. We have been in business for over 40 years and are an MoT testing station and vehicle repair shop. This vocation has given me an opportunity to become interested and involved with the village itself. I have been on the Parish Council in Teversham for over ten years and have recently stood down as Chair after 5 years. Running a business or chairing the council are both challenging and interesting. Much of the time I need to use problem solving and analytical skills, which I learnt and used through college, as well as further developing people, management and leadership skills.

My hobbies include playing in bands as well as sound recording and production. Playing as part of a contemporary group is fun and enjoyable, being incredibly rewarding when the team 'pulls it off' and it all goes well. However, often there can be differences of opinion and my ability to remain open to all points of view, coupled with my negotiation skills, have helped to resolve potentially difficult situations. Music production assumes the position of 'leader' whilst dealing with people who are not always willing to be 'led', and my ability to pull everyone together in one direction and to achieve the communal goal, whilst allowing everyone to take credit for their input, has been invaluable.

I am personally pragmatic and creative, which enables me to analyse problems and consider solutions and outcomes that can sometimes be overlooked. I have an ability to understand

arguments from all perspectives and if my role necessitates, I am able to remain objective and magnanimous even though I may not necessarily personally agree with the outcome.

I would like to become involved with the promotion and maintenance of the standards within the district and parish councils, and I fully understand the importance of this function. As set out above, I believe I have the qualities that would enable me to fulfill this role.

Simon Martin