

Four new members joined the Parish Council and two new District Councillors were appointed at the election, here they tell you a little about themselves:

New Parish Council members (in alphabetical order):

Margaret Crutchfield, Parish Councillor



I have lived in Pitstone for just over 3 years previously having lived previously in Wing where I was a parish councillor for 15 years.

I have worked with the Neighbourhood development plan from the beginning and find that my knowledge of the village has increased enormously especially the history and environment which will continue whilst working on the parish council.

I enjoy our allotment where we keep chickens.

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Joanne Groom, Parish Councillor



I have lived in Pitstone since 1988 but my husband's family have lived here for generations. I have seen major changes within the village and so I was very keen to be involved with the NDP to be part of the ongoing changes within our community.

My main areas of interest are sport and education.

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Colin Starling, Parish Councillor



I moved to Pitstone in 2008 because of a strong wish to live in a rural village after some 30 years in Watford and before that North West London. The view of the Chilterns is very much an added bonus. Finally retired in July 2014 after a 50 year career in healthcare management.

My main interest now is the future development of Pitstone. I became a member of the Pitstone Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group because, without an agreed 'neighbourhood plan', there is a danger that the village characteristics could be overwhelmed by unrestrained housing development. Should the Referendum confirm the Plan, it becomes essential the Parish Council strives to maintain the agreed vision.

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Kris Weber, Parish Councillor



Thank you, first of all, for placing sufficient trust in me to appoint me as one of your new parish councillors - I will do my utmost not to let you down.

I was born in Berkshire in October 1967 within a few days of both Davina McCall and Julia Roberts, neither of whose talents I share. I have had the misfortune to support Reading Football Club ever since. After a law degree at Manchester University I trained as a solicitor in the City, and have been a partner in a London commercial law firm since 2003.

My wife Rachel and I moved to Pitstone in 2011. We are both keen hill-walkers and fell in love with this beautiful area the moment we first climbed Ivinghoe Beacon some years previously. When the time came to move out of London there was no debate about where we wanted to go.

My real involvement with village life only began when I took on the role of vice-chair of our NDP team back in October last year. Since then I have become thoroughly immersed in the benefits - and the challenges - that Pitstone brings with it. I am hopeful that a fresh perspective, and the professional skills I have built up over the past two decades, will be of some benefit to the community.

In my spare time I can often be found pottering around the local area in a red VW Beetle that is only 4 years younger than me. Other extra-curricula activities include walking, gardening, and generally enjoying our wonderful British countryside: I am a conservation volunteer for the National Trust up at Ashridge, and also a volunteer hostel manager for the YHA. From a sporting perspective I'm a lapsed hockey player and a still-avid skier who takes any opportunity to sneak off to the Alps for a few days. A taste for red wine, and an inexplicable interest in Bavarian folk music, square the circle.

I very much look forward to serving as one of your representatives on the Council during my four-year term.

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Our new members join Bob Saintey, Dave Nicholls, Ben Blunt, Annie Stack, Gill Arney and Steve Matthey who remain on the council. Full contact details for all councillors can be found on the web site, parish notice-boards or in PPP.

New District Councillors for Pitstone and Cheddington Ward:



Derek and I are delighted to be elected as your new local District Councillors to represent you on Aylesbury Vale District Council. The "turn-out" from the Pitstone and Cheddington ward was an impressive 72.3%. This is very encouraging as we now enter a future full of challenges for local government. We intend to attend as many Parish Councils as possible, but please if you have any issues which you would like us to address you can contact us on the following e-mail addresses or telephone numbers. Once again thank you for electing us and we look forward to working with you all.

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