

Beckingham Bugle

Election Special



July 23 sees the Election day for our Parish Council vacancy. I was delighted to see several people stand and offered them all the opportunity of space in the Bugle with the idea of doing a 4 page insert. In my letter I said: "I want to be entirely fair and treat you all equally. I would be delighted if you all wanted to make use of this opportunity but will understand if you do not. If only some of you want to participate then I will publish those that do." In the event a 2 page insert is all that is needed. Overleaf is the text I received from Karen Ashworth.

Although there will be three names on the ballot paper please do not vote for Amanda Meade as I regret to inform you that she no longer wishes to stand and advised me that: "I am sorry to disappoint other residents but I am going to have to withdraw from the election. I was happy to serve if there was a need but as there are other candidates I must give priority to my family. I am not able to offer the level of commitment I would wish to at this time. I apologise for the problems this may cause and I hope everyone understands. I continue to wish the village well and hope to do other things in the future."

I exchanged several texts following my initial letter of invitation with Sophie Brown. Her answer in the end was "No thanks" however she did want voters to know that she has lived in the village since 1985.

Contact details for all the candidates are on the Village Hall noticeboard.

Please use your vote on the 23rd!

Vote for Karen Ashworth
Independent candidate for the benefit of Beckingham

I have lived in the village of Beckingham for ten years now and am very much part of community life.

I am 46 and a qualified social worker and have worked in the field of social care for 20 years. I have good communication and organizational skills and am well versed in chairing and contributing to meetings which are a significant part of my working life. I have previously been involved with Crime and disorder partnerships.

My intention is to serve as a parish councillor for the benefit of Beckingham. I am conscious that there are a number of groups within Beckingham and would be interested in encouraging them to work in partnership for the benefit of the whole community.

I am always prepared to listen to other people's views and would want the residents of Beckingham to be consulted in contributing to a ten year plan that meets the needs of all members of the community, whilst allowing the village to retain its rural charm.

Current Issues I am aware of appear to be

Use of the poor gardens

Development of the village hall as a centre for the community, with activities for all age groups

Support for the church

Development of the playing fields

Speed of traffic in the village

I am sure there are many more. If you feel your needs are not being met or your voice heard contact me to share your views

Vote Karen Ashworth for the benefit of the community

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