

Cllr Geoff Darvill



Personal Profile

I have lived in Singleton for over twenty years, I was brought up in Yorkshire, and spent some time in the Police Force. Since leaving the Police I have worked as an Insurance Broker, eventually running my own Business. I have been running my own business for the past 20 years and am a private landlord in Singleton.

I joined the parish council in the early 2000's and at the same time became Chair of the Singleton Village Hall Trustees - and was instrumental in obtaining the parcel of land in front of Windsor Court for extra car Parking space once the Hall eventually was extended. The extension of the Village Hall eventually took place after a very long 10 years sorting the extra funding to make the extension fit for purpose with an upstairs for flexibility. We are now in the fifth year of having the extension and now with over 20 regular user groups, the time has come to extend the car park, to make the whole area much, much safer for everyone who uses the hall and the children who go to the primary school.

Being both a parish councillor and the chair of Singleton Village Hall trust, I am keen to improve the provision of community space for all. I am mindful to equip the hall with renewable energy, we installed on the large roof of the hall over 112 solar panels that not only provides free electricity for the village hall but also generates additional income. I am happy to put to good use all my business acumen and try to run the Village Hall and as Chair of Finance, the Parish Council budget too - both seem to be running quite successfully using this strategy.

Singleton Village Hall is a great venue and used by many local groups and clubs. The diversity of these clubs is fantastic, and it offers something to do for everyone in our community. I teach Taekwondo twice a week which I really enjoy as it allows me to see individuals growing in confidence, increasing their ability, stamina and fitness.

Being Chair of Finance and as a Parish Councillor means we have to make some tough financial decisions, especially as funding is being cut both at the Borough Council level and County Council level, even from central Government, but as a Parish Council we are still able to raise funds via the Precept (the PC part of the Council Tax) in order to ensure that our community is made as best as we are able to by providing our community with the best assets as possible.

Our number one priority as a Parish Council is to always the community's best interest and value for money.