

Cllr Ian McClintock



Profile

I have lived in Great Chart most of my life, attending the primary school when it was in The Street and remember using the village hall with the school, but much has changed inside the hall since then. I attended Ashford Grammar School for boys and was present when it changed to Norton Knatchbul School in 1971 – I understand there are still two school photos with me in them up in the school somewhere.

After leaving school I spent time as a Trainee Manager for Cartiers SuperFoods in the Matalan building, then went off to be a Store Manager for McDonald's, opened the Tonbridge Store. I then changed profession and got into computers and worked at South Kent College lecturing in ICT. After various other small different jobs from driving to admin I now work as a Consultant for Folkestone & Hythe District Council as Parish Council liaison for the Otterpool development – thus putting all my experience as a parish councillor in our parish to good use.

I am a divorced father of two teenagers my son Caelan is 18 this year and my daughter Briannah has just turned 15 – I never knew teenagers can be so 'interesting' – I am pretty sure I was never a teenager, or I blinked and missed it?

I joined the Parish Council in 1999, after spending some time as a Playing Fields Trustees after being introduced to this by my neighbour, Roger Baker, who was at the time Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and when a vacancy came up, he suggested I get involved – now over 20 years later I am still here. I took Rogers place very shortly after joining the PC as he passed away and became Chair a couple of years later.

The Parish Council is a very different council than it was 20 years ago, we have much more responsibility for our local community now, as we have Cuckoo Park to look after and a lease for 25 years for the Singleton Environment Centre – not to mention supporting many other organisations within the parish.

Like all of our Councillors I joined the PC in order to make our Community a little better for everyone, we have a great team with a great variety of talents and we all work hard not only on the PC but I know that every councillor is part of at least one other organisation within the parish and most are part of the many varied and well run organisations that help to make up our parish, from village halls to football teams and Singleton Giant to Tae Kwondo.

As Chair of the PC I sit on many committees of many organisations within the parish and many Charities, some ex-officio, I have tried to list them here, but I may miss out some, so I apologise to them if I do.

- For the PC, I am on Finance, Staffing, Chilmington Planning committee
- Vice – President of the Great Chart Cricket Club – my Dad played for many years
- Great Chart Playing Fields Association
- The Chilmington Management Organisation board of directors as Parish Councils observer
- Trustee of the Bean Fund charity – Ex-officio
- The Great Chart War Memorial Trust – Ex-officio

- The Elizabeth Strouts & Barbara Garton War Memorial Trust – Ex-officio
- Singleton Spaces Trust – Who run the Singleton Environment Centre for the PC Ex-officio
- Great Chart Remembers Group
- St Mary's Great Chart development Group
- Vice-Chair Singleton Village Hall Trust
- Great Chart Village Hall Trustees
- Kipps & Morecock Charity Trust

All of the above and the additional meetings and public events that all of these seem to create makes being on the PC varied and interesting to be part of and I get to meet lots of the people that live and work in our Parish.