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Tracey Price – DPC Chair – Email: Tracey.price@dunchurchpc.org

Hi everyone. My name is Tracey Price. I won the role of chairman of Dunchurch PC by default - that will teach me for going away to India with limited Wi-Fi! On a serious note it is a role I am proud to have and endeavour to do by best for the residents and be their voice.

I became a councillor in October 2019 having spent a number of years moaning and groaning about things not being done for the whole village, so I thought it was time I stood up and took part so I could stop moaning. Wow what a learning curve! It is safe to say we were a rudderless boat, the RFO having resigned and then immediately going on sick leave until her notice end date. During this the clerk went on long term sick leave not returning before she handed in her resignation. At that point, all councillors had a maximum service of 5 months and no administration knowledge or full-time cover. I became a bit of a champion in dud lamppost spotting, a trait I still relish today. Once learnt never forgotten. The best thing we ever did was to recruit the lovely Gill Peacock, although I am sure some days she regrets this decision.

In my personal life I have been self-employed for 2 years as a soft landscape gardener or messing around in the shrubbery as its otherwise known. This has also turned into a community role as many of my clients are elderly ladies, who are also lonely, so lots of times will pull up a chair and chat whilst I work, prior to me going through the list of little jobs – light bulb replacement and opening bottles and jars seem to be key. Who knew bottles of toilet duck could be so hard to open, even I struggle.

In my previous life I spent 21 years with Warwickshire Police fulfilling a variety of roles finally 12 years with the Major Investigation Team working on mainly deaths which occurred through crime, this seems a long time ago and completely different to my role today. In one case I spent just shy of 4 months in Ipswich during 2006/2007 living a parallel life to the one here only returning every 14 days for 2 well needed rest or washing/ironing clothes days. I was honoured to represent Warwickshire Police for the duration of the incident being the only representative.

We have two American Akita dogs, one of 13 years, and one of 3 years. The 13 year-old being in his twilight years and we enjoy pampering him and tending to his every whim, including a set of go faster wheels, the youngster we spend a lot of time chastising whilst secretly loving her character. As my sister says, if she were a child she would have been expelled from nursery for naughtiness. We also have two plots in Thurlaston Poor Plot allotments which we enjoy tending and growing our own vegetables and cut flowers.

Jan Gee-Russell – email: Jan.Gee-Russell@dunchurchpc.org

Hi, I'm Jan Gee Russell. I joined the DPC last year after being involved in the Britain in Bloom competition and realised that the village was being neglected and wanted to

improve and preserve it for the future. I moved to Rugby ten years ago and I am the fund raiser for our charity providing education for teenage orphans in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Alongside this, I manage four allotments to provide produce to sell and take part in organising our fund raising venues, in and around Rugby. Although now retired, I have a full and active life.

Gill Peacock – Temporary Clerk – email: clerk@dunchurchpc.org

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Temporary Clerk & Proper Officer for Dunchurch Parish Council.

My name is Gillian (Gill) Peacock and I have been Clerking for over twenty years now. Whilst most people actively try to avoid administration and planning applications, my heart flutters when a new application lands on my desk and needs to be dealt with. I believe that I am open, friendly, and flexible in my approach to work and in life in general.

I have recently moved to Chipping Norton and my true passion is working within local government, so I couldn't be more thrilled to be employed as the Temporary Clerk, working remotely most of the time.

One of my career highlights during my 20 years as Clerk has to be the removal of a rogue sheep that began to terrorise the villagers in Napton. Luckily, I knew who to call and the situation diffused before anyone heard one baa too far. In addition, I have also worked for Land Agents and property developers, Land Securities and for HSBC.

My family are important to me and consist of Nicholas (Nick), my husband, who is a Farmer and works on a Farm in Ladbroke and my two daughters, Stephanie and Charlotte who are now grown-ups; my eldest works as a journalist for the Financial Times in London and my youngest is a wonderful head chef and equally brilliant !

I spend my free time attempting to look after our Poodle, Rambo, who has quite a unique personality, baking, volunteering for a national Charity, and I have even been known to go for the occasional swim !

I absolutely love working within a close community and I'm enthusiastic to get to know the residents of Dunchurch and their local businesses again.

Howard Marsh – email: Howard.marsh@dunchurchpc.org

My name is Howie Marsh and I joined DPC in June this year.

I have lived in Dunchurch for six years, along with my wife Julie and my 2 children, Luke (15) and Jacob (13) who both now attend Ashlawn School and prior to that Dunchurch Junior school. We previously lived in Warwick for over 10 years and moved to the Rugby area to be closer to Rugby Gymnastics club, where, at the time, my wife worked and both boys trained six days a week. They have all subsequently moved to Notts Gymnastics club, so we spend a lot of time in the car on the M1!

From a work point of view, I am Chief Financial Officer within an International Healthcare provider (Life Healthcare - A South African listed group) with my division having around 6,000 employees across Europe and USA. Although my main area of work is Finance, I have spent a large proportion of the last eight years building up our Molecular Imaging Services, which supports Cancer Treatment Pathways and more recently the development of a radiopharmaceutical product to diagnose early onset Alzheimer's.

I have also been a Non-Executive Director for British Gymnastics, the National Governing Body for the sport in the UK, for the last four years.

Outside of work I am a keen cyclist, being a member of Rugby 2 Wheelers and recently, thanks to the first lock down, have started keeping chickens in our garden.

Cara Martin -email: Cara.martin@dunchurchpc.org

I am Cara; a 30-something mother of 2 (slightly feral) boys and a very bouncy dog called Boris. I drink more tea than I should and not as much water as the experts recommend! I am partial to a nice gin and can't resist salt and vinegar pringles.

I have lived in Dunchurch for over 6 years and joined the parish council during the lockdown summer of 2020; I look forward to attending a meeting as a councilor in actual person!

I am a psychotherapist with a background of working with troubled, challenging, and vulnerable children and young people and now also specialize in adult trauma.

When I'm not trying to wing being a parent, standing in the cold watching a child's football game, or rushing to after-school clubs I can be found either watching (at the stadiums when COVID-19 clears off!) or playing netball with my wonderful group of netters girlies.

Jonathan Marlow – Email: jon.marlow@dunchurchpc.org

Hello. My name is Jon Marlow and I joined Dunchurch Parish Council in June 2021, hoping to give something back to our fabulous community.

Born and bred in Coventry and Warwickshire, I first moved to Rugby in 2006, then spent some time in Newark before returning to the area in 2012. Having lived in Cawston for six years, we moved to Dunchurch in 2018. I am married to Karen and we have two children, both of whom go to schools in Dunchurch. I was, until fairly recently, a parent governor at the Junior School.

I work as sales director for an ethical chocolate company, trying to sell lots more chocolate and improve the lives of the farmers who produce our cocoa and sugar, having spent my career in sales and marketing across a number of food and drink businesses.

Outside of work I enjoy food and drink (probably too much), watching sport (especially football), and trying to keep fit (although admittedly not in a very committed way, which is unforgiveable considering Karen is a part-time personal trainer!). You may see me walking round the village with our chocolate brown cockapoo. Please say hi if you do.

Ian Grogan – Email: ian.grogan@dunchurchpc.org

My name is Ian Grogan and I joined the DPC in the summer of 2021. Although I'm a born and bred Londoner, I've lived in the village since 2001 and this is now my

home. My wife is the assistant head teacher at Rugby High School and this is where my daughter is doing her A levels.

I work in communications at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and before that was Head of Communication's at Ofsted, The Home Office and NatWest - looking back into my distant past I was a branch manager for NatWest in South London.

I've joined the DPC as I think the village is lovely and has a great community feel and I want to help keep that going, maintain tradition but also help the village evolve as we move forward. In my spare time I'm a season ticket holder at Arsenal, love my cricket and travel as much as I can squeeze in! You might see me plodding around the village on a daily basis trying to somehow keep fit!

Gary Sly – Email: Gary.sly@dunchurchpc.org

Hi, my name is Gary Sly and I have put my name forward to join DPC in March 2022.

I was born and bred in Dunchurch, originally Adkinson Avenue and I now live with my wife Julie in one of the Gate Houses on the drive to Dunchurch Park Hotel off the Rugby Road. I have lived in the village for some 63 plus years, played football and cricket for Dunchurch and was even head boy at Dunchurch school. I have as you can imagine seen many changes in and around the village and watched it evolve and develop over the years.

Work wise I have been Finance Director and Company Secretary to a number of Companies, the last being Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey, prior to that I was a Director of a Hotel Group for a number of years operating out of London, Windsor, Derby and Exeter. I owned and ran the Grosvenor Hotel in Rugby for 11 years from 1999 and prior to that was part owner shareholder of the Blue Boar Group that operated motorway service areas including Watford Gap Service Area on the M1.

Currently I do some part time work on a self-employed basis for a couple of clients and spend the rest of my time Walking in and around the village Fishing (I am currently trying to set up a Fishery in Dunchurch), Golfing (when I can) and working on the house, garden and woodland behind it.

I was one of the original trustees of Dunchurch Sports field and Village Hall and was involved in the building of the hall, I continued as a Trustee for a number of years after as the representative of the Football Club and also the Licensee.

I therefore have a keen interest in the village and what goes on in and around it and with my workload now reduced feel I am now in a position to contribute more, I also know a lot of the residents of the village.

Matthew Vaughan – Email: matt.vaughan@dunchurchpc.org

I moved to Dunchurch in 1986 and attended both the infant and primary schools. I was a member of the Dunchurch First Scout Group and represented the village under-18s cricket team.

I remained in Dunchurch until 2001 when I left for university – graduating in 2004 with a degree in Business and Politics. On completion of my studies, I moved to Southampton where I joined Balfour Beatty as a graduate Quantity Surveyor – working on various projects including the Isle of Grain Power Station and the London Olympics. In 2010, I relocated to Knutsford, Cheshire before taking-up roles in Scotland, Switzerland, Azerbaijan and latterly the Netherlands before returning to the UK (and more importantly, Dunchurch) in April 2021.

I live on Rugby Road with my partner, Sophie, a Solicitor and Notary Public, and our two dogs, Snoop and Gino.

I take a keen interest in politics (or at least I tend to have an opinion on most things!) and I would be pleased to represent the interests of the residents of Dunchurch.