

PART 2**Name:** Simon Longhurst

In order to help the Members consider your application to join the Council, Members need to know a little about you (remember that some or all may not know you). Please provide the following:

- **Please write a short statement to tell us why you would like to join the Parish Council:**

Having served on the Parish Council previously, I am well aware of the important work involved, the processes and the service provided. Since my previous period as a Councillor, I have retired and now have more time to focus and want to be involved again. I believe that I can bring skills, enthusiasm, know-how and time to the role that will assist in benefitting my local community. I am committed to the parish and want to play a part in ensuring its success for current and future residents.

- **Please write a brief profile of yourself**

I have lived in the area since 1984 and in the village since 1992 with both my children attending the primary school and youth organisations. As a village resident, I have been responsible for two country fairs, involved in the 2012 Jubilympics and the PTA, Chairman of Robertsbridge RFC and spent a period as Akela for the cub scout pack when it was threatened with closure from lack of leaders. My involvement with, and commitment to, service to the community is further demonstrated by my period as a Parish Councillor, including time as Chairman.

I am recently retired having worked in senior management roles (CEO, CFO, COO and MD) both internationally and domestically. My roles have included financial, legal and operational functions in a variety of businesses including professional services, manufacturing, aquaculture and leisure. Having commuted for over 30 years from Robertsbridge station, I think I am well placed to relate to and understand the issues of the many commuters within the village.

My wife is born and bred in Salehurst and as such, we have strong, local family connections. As to hobbies, I enjoy dog walking (which allows me to travel around the parish on a daily basis), sports and travelling around the UK in our motorhome as well as international travel.

I am an enthusiastic, hard-working and committed individual who is keen to offer service to my local community.