

PART 2**Name:** Kirsty Barden

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:**

I have lived in the village for the past 12/13 years and post covid I now have a more flexible work location pattern to mean I can become more involved within the village and I have been looking at what the most practical and suitable way would be. Following the reading I have done and the conversation with Karen I believe I am able to give the relevant amount of time to the Council and bring to the table a passion for a number of topics such as tackling loneliness and isolation, environmental impact and creating a welcoming place for all to thrive. I have never done anything like this before, but I have served on other committees including the Bewl Bridge Rowing Club as Adult Co-ordinator and Membership Secretary as well as involvement as a Young Offenders Mentor and as part of the Contact the Elderly charity group, hosting and supporting monthly lunches. I am looking for how I contribute more to the village and welcome the opportunity to be considered for a Parish Councillor position.

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

I am married to Nigel, who has family links to the village going back through the generations and we have a rescue cat called Norman. I am originally from Buxton, in Derbyshire and moved to London after graduating university in the late 90's. I work for an electronics distributor as a Marketing Director and my role involves a mix of office, home and travel (mostly Europe and North America). I have worked there for nearly 19 years and enjoy both the role and the people I work with, although it can be hard going I find it very rewarding. I am a member of Bewl Bridge Rowing Club and race on a social basis, having been a competitive rower in the past and coming from a very competitive swimming background. I feel I am past the hard training and crazy early mornings now! We have lived in our house since 2008/9 (I can't remember which it is) and spent a lot of time working on renovating it, as with all older buildings as soon as you have completed something there is the next thing that seems to be hanging off. I would describe myself as easygoing, but I think Nigel might say I am a neat freak with a strange obsession for always wanting to clear out all the clutter (he is a collector.....or as I see it a hoarder..... :-)). At the heart of it all I just want people to know they are included, wanted and needed and if there is a way for me to contribute to that within the village I am keen to put my best foot forward.