

Co-option Candidate statements

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Liz Doidge

I am Liz Doidge, I am married and have 2 sons aged 19 and 22. I moved to Cambourne from Hampshire 10 years ago and have watched it grow and develop into the community it is today.

I am an active member of the community. I organised the Cambourne Family Fete 2013, raising several thousand pounds for local and worldwide children's charities. I feel passionately that the youth of today are our future and we should value and support their contribution to our society. I supported my husband in setting up a football club in Cambourne some 5 years ago; a club which continues to grow today.

I am a child-minder and nurse; I work within Cambourne and nurse locally. I am keen to see improvements in facilities for the young and elderly and will assure commitment and passion to improve our facilities should I be voted in as a Parish Councillor.

Tim Hayes

As a member of Cambourne Parish Council the record shows I attended all but a handful of meetings, probably about as many as Dominic Plunkett. After learning what Parish Council work was all about, I believe I made a very full contribution to Parish affairs both inside and outside of meetings. After my recent resignation I was comforted to have received several emails and calls from other Parish Council members regretting my recent resignation and asking me to return when possible.

For the record, my resignation was done to put an end to some rather unpleasant rumours being circulated allegedly by certain Cambourne residents and passed to some Conservative district councillors. Those same people in turn have recently been seeking to foist the blame onto the Parish staff as being the source of these rumours. The involvement of those remaining District councillors is now being investigated by SCDC legal and is sub-judice, but what I can surmise is that the timing of these events curiously coincided with my outspoken criticism of the local plan and the involvement of the developers during a Parish meeting.

As you all know, I am standing as an Independent candidate in the upcoming SCDC election. I thought long and hard before doing this, and concluded that our community has not had a sufficient voice at District when it comes to the needs of Cambourne. Indeed with the size of our growing community we need not just one, but three Independent candidates representing the interests of Cambourne at District Council.

If you are kind enough to co-opt me once again as a member of the Parish Council, I will continue to make a full contribution and I would hope that if elected to District I will be able to represent the views of our community at District wherever possible.

Roger Hume

I was an elected councillor until last year but decided when the District Council chose to include the expansion to Cambourne in its local plan it would be easier to oppose and help the campaign to fight it - from the outside.

This I did and the campaign proved to be successful with 70% of all consultees rejecting the scheme and only narrowly gaining approval.

The next battle will be with a planning inspector later this year but without some formal position there would be no role in that hearing from the outside.

Should she decide to approve the scheme much work will be needed to ensure that the community gains some benefit in the way of extra facilities and I would welcome a role in that if it proves necessary.

Sean Masters

As a new member of the Cambourne community having recently moved from Hardwick, I'm hoping I can offer a fresh perspective on matters in Cambourne.

I am highly motivated, articulate and driven and I feel I could offer much to the community, I am organised, disciplined and motivated.

Presently employed locally within a business serving Cambourne, I have previously held high level including board reporting level within the retail sector and I believe both commitment to the community and my work experience would be of benefit to both the council and the community as a whole.

David Morgan

Statement to follow

Andrew Packman

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