

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

## Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

### **Councillor Vacancy**

We have a good response to the notice for Co-option to Cambourne Town Council to fill the vacancy and have received applications from the following candidates:

1. Stephen Drew
2. John Mann
3. Yordanka (Dannie) Shipkova
4. Sudhir Shivananjappa
5. Arshad Siddiqui
6. Andrea Sisneros

As we are in a virtual meeting the voting will be by the Clerk asking each councillor to state the number of the Candidate they would like to see co-opted. If one Candidate receives 50% of the votes they will be Co-opted if not the candidate with the lowest number of votes will drop out and the procedure will be repeated.

The successful candidate will then sign the Declaration of Office prior to joining the meeting. This will be returned to the Town Clerk for counter signing.

Below are the co-option statements outlining why the candidates would like to be considered for the Cambourne Town Council's Councillor Vacancy,

### **1. Stephen Drew - Monday 15th February 2021**

"I have lived in Cambridgeshire all my life and moved to Cambourne in January 2021. I served two years on Sawston Parish Council from 2019-2021. During that time, I promoted and worked with colleagues on what will be Sawston's first ten-year development plan. I worked with colleagues on our communications during the pandemic as well as ensuring that the parish council provided funds to community groups facing funding gaps.

I have a wide range of relevant experience from both my professional roles and my voluntary roles. I was a secondary school senior leader from 2005 to 2018, including five years as headteacher of a school with 1400 students, 200 staff and an annual budget of c£7.5m. I have served on various school governing bodies since 2001 and am currently vice-chair of Histon Early Years Centre and Icknield Primary School (Sawston). I have been involved in various projects to establish a new school and obtain funding for school and community developments both as a governor and a school leader.

I am committed to public service and would welcome the chance to work as part of Cambourne Town Council in further improving the lives of residents of my new home."

### **2. John Jay Mann**

As an ex-counsellor and resident for some twenty years. Now retired I would like to put some input to local and town matters.

### **3. Yordanka (Dannie) Shipkova**

My family and I moved to Cambourne back in 2013 and since then I had the privilege to meet many people that today I consider my friends. It has been a great pleasure to watch the village become town and the continuous growth of the past few years has been amazing.

I have been involved in various events at my son's school and other events around Cambourne, but my greatest pride is my volunteer work with the local Youth Club run in partnership between Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill. I started back in 2017 when I was one of the organisers of the Cambourne Family Fun Run event raising money for the charity and have been a part of the volunteers team ever since.

Given the opportunity and the current continuing growth of Cambourne, I would like to be a part of the team that tirelessly deal with all the challenges that arise around the town.

I consider myself to be dependable, approachable and committed to Cambourne's interests.

### **4. Sudhir Shivananjappa**

Sudhir is a capable and experienced Business Operations and Programme Management professional having significant experience in the fields of Business Operations, Programme Management, PMO, Governance, etc. He works for a leading multinational professional services Fortune Global 500 company and has held a variety of management and leadership positions in technology and engineering during his career spanning nearly 30 years. Sudhir was a Cambourne Parish Councillor in 2017/18 and is keen to be part of the Cambourne Council again

to be able to share his experiences and to help maintain and develop Cambourne as a safe and friendly suburb to live in for the diverse populace.

Born and educated in Bangalore in south India, Sudhir holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and is a naturalised UK citizen living in the UK since 1998. He is married, his wife Shilpa works for the NHS and their son, Achintya is in his first year at university.

Sudhir is quite active and engaged in personal and local community activities including Cambourne Cricket Club, CHF and CCS. He plays badminton, enjoys walks in the countryside and travelling.

## 5. Arshad Siddiqui

I am a Cambourne resident for the last 12 years and live with my wife who works for NHS and 2 children who attend Vine Inter Church Primary School. I work as a Software Engineer in Cambridge Business Park and have worked previously in Cambourne Business Park.

I started the **Neighbourhood Watch Group** of Upper Cambourne. I have been a founding member of the **Cambourne Photography Group** and helped its running. I have been helping the **Trussell Trust's Cambourne food bank** for the last 5 years with food collections.

I have initiated **Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force (CVTF)** in March 2020, and have since **led, managed** and **volunteered** at the task force. With CVTF, I have **worked closely** with the **Council, Church, Monkfield Medical Practice, Lloyds Pharmacy, local superstores, primary and secondary schools, and helped promote local businesses**. I have been involved with food donations and prescription drop offs at CVTF, and in the process have **engaged** with local residents.

I strongly believe I can **offer much more** as a councillor with the Cambourne Town Council. I am **committed** and **passionate** about **improving** Cambourne, making it a genuinely community centred town. I believe I can stand up **for the local residents, help develop better services and deliver local initiatives using community groups**.

## 6. Andrea Sisneros PhD, MTOPRA, Chartered Scientist (Sci. Cncl. UK)

I've been a member of Cambourne's community since 2009 and now that our children are older I am actively contributing to our thriving community by being part of the Light up Cambourne fundraising team for our annual Christmas lights and a valued contributor of my writing skills as one of the editors to the Cambourne Crier. I have a real sense and enthusiasm for Cambourne Town and am excited with the slow but gradual development of our high street and infrastructure but also the fact that we will be on the map for the East West rail link. Despite our hush on activities due to the pandemic and imposed restrictions on social interaction our community continues to keep hope alive with permitted activities and forward planning for the time ahead when we do emerge carefully and gradually over the coming months from lockdown. I am an accomplished communicator and achiever in my world of work and my community and know I can be relied upon to effectively represent the voices of those in the community on matters which mean a lot to them. I am excited about our road ahead and want to drive things ever forward to realise our individual and collective goals

I am grateful for consideration of my candidacy.



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DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I ..... having been elected to the office of **Councillor of Cambourne Town Council**, declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I undertake to observe the code as to the conduct which is expected of members of **Cambourne Town Council**.

Signed .....

Date .....

This declaration made and signed before me.

Signed .....

Date .....

John Vickery  
Town Clerk and Proper Officer of Cambourne Town Council