



Cllr Juliette Atkinson - Chair - Andrew and I moved to Hensall from Pontefract with our young family in December 2002 and have enjoyed the 10 years or so we have lived here. Whilst living in the village we have added to our family and have found Hensall to be an ideal place to bring up children.

I work as a service delivery manager for a large IT and communications company based in the northwest of England. In addition to my academic qualifications I have professional qualifications in project management and am currently studying to be a Cisco accredited networks engineer.

I am a firm believer in contributing to the community in which I live and have found being a member of the parish council to be very rewarding; as a team we strive to improve village life wherever possible and to make the most of the resources at our disposal. I loved the recent Jubilee celebration where the whole community came together and had such a fantastic day and I am looking forward to seeing the old quarry being developed into parkland that we can all enjoy.



Cllr Peter Williams - Originally from Newcastle -upon-Tyne, I have lived in Hensall for the past four years with my wife, Leigh, and our young son. Having met my wife (who originates from the village) whilst we were both living and working in Majorca, we made the decision to move back to the UK to start a family.

Moving to Hensall was the obvious choice as it is a pleasant, quiet and perfect village for our son to grow up in, plus my place of work is only a stone's throw away in Heck, where I am a plant team leader for Plasmore Ltd

I was interested in becoming a parish councillor because, having lived in many places over the years, I have found Hensall to be a welcoming village with a good sense of community and I enjoy living here. I want to help to maintain this and keep the village a rewarding and enjoyable place to live as sometimes it can be taken for granted.



Cllr Laura Softly - My partner Chris and I moved to Hensall in 2010. I am a southerner at heart coming from the South Coast and Chris is a local lad from Whitely Bridge. We lived in Bournemouth together for 10 years before deciding to make the move up north to be nearer Chris' family who all still live in the local area.

After a few years renting in Eggborough we made the decision to move to Hensall ; it had everything we were looking for in a village location, namely a pub and a shop within walking distance! Although, we actually got a lot more than that. We have made some good friends in the village and we have found our forever home.

I wanted to join the council to become even more active in the community and help to keep Hensall a great place to live.



Cllr Gary Mason - My wife, Julie, and I moved to Hensall in 1993. Julie is originally from York and I am from South Elmsall. We wanted to be a little closer to York and discovered Hensall by chance.

We came to look at a house that was for sale and although we did not buy that house we started to feel very comfortable in the village. I cannot explain it but we wanted to live here.

We have three children who attended Hensall Primary School - The Snaith School - Pontefract College - then university. I have always been interested in village life and want to contribute in what ever way I can (work permitting).

For the last 33 years I have been in business with my brother and continue to be so. But I will try my best to represent everyone in the village and help with their concerns.



Cllr Howard Newitt - I was born in 1946 and, after school days, went to university in Scotland (MA St Andrews). I have been married for 44 years and have four children and grandchildren. I have been a teacher since 1970 till retirement in 2003, lastly at Campsmount School, Norton (from 1974), where I was also a school governor for 15 years. I have also served as a governor at Selby High School and Haddlesey Primary School. I was an active sportsman, finishing that career with Hensall Cricket Club when the doctor told me I had to stop.

We came to Hensall in 1978. I am the longest serving member of the parish council, starting in the 1980s and serving as chairman on several occasions. I have taken the lead in several actions of the council, most recently the flooding issues of 2001, the problems of sewage and drainage, the acquiring of the quarry as a village amenity and the fixing of the level crossing.

My wife and I are active members of the senior group who meet on Wednesdays in the village.



Cllr Neil Reeson - I came to Hensall when I was seven months old. That's when my parents bought the milk round and moved into a house on Wand Lane, then later into Holly Dene on Station Road. They worked the milk round between them. Some of the older folk still remember me being in the carry cot in the back of the van. That was nearly 50 years ago. I went to school in the village and then, when I was 18, took over my mother's round. I've been involved with the dairy ever since—and on my own since my dad retired.

I've always liked Hensall. I like living in the village and I like being on the parish council because I like doing things for the village. I'm not keen on committees, and I don't want to be doing things for other areas, but I'm always ready to put grit on the path in Hensall, put flowers in the planters or see to the street lights being mended because I want Hensall to be a nice place to live. I'm also out delivering at night, so carrying the phone for the council means I can report anything suspicious as soon as I see it.

There's a lot of things going on in the village and I just want to help in any way I can.



Cllr Bob Tams

My wife and I were born and married in Pontefract; we moved to Kellington and then to Hensall in 1986.

My boy attended Hensall Primary School, The Snaith School, New College, Pontefract and university. Having recently retired from Kimberly Clark, I find myself living in a very changing village and I would like to help keep it safe and friendly a place where people are proud to live.