

# All Change at South Brent

At the Parish Council meeting in April, Richard Fone was co-opted back onto the Council filling one of the two vacancies. Richard served as a Parish Councillor from 2014 to 2018 and we are very pleased he has re-joined us. Rich said "I care about my local community and feel that I can bring ideas and energy to this important forum and help South Brent remain as a great example of a vibrant and caring community on into the future". This still leaves one vacancy, which we hope to fill at the next Council meeting



At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, I was elected Chairman. My acceptance speech can be seen below.

I would like to thank my predecessor Councillor Cathie Pannell for her four years of Chairmanship and continuing the good work of the Council. The Council has faced numerous challenges, particularly over the past two years, with five new councillors co-opted after the election. Two new clerks appointed following the retirement of Julia Willoughby, our long serving clerk and her replacement Katharine

Griffiths moving on to ventures new and the COVID19 pandemic, the problems this created and continue to cause. All of which she managed with calmness and professionalism. Thank you Cathie.

It was a privilege to serve as Chairman from 2005 to 2009 and an honour that you have the faith to re-elect me as Chairman. I hope to continue the good work of my predecessors and we can all work together to improve the support and services we provide to this community which we serve and love.

Councillor Paul Astal Stain was elected as Vice-Chairman

He said "It is an honour to be elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Our Chairman is a very knowledgeable and experienced Councillor and I am sure I will learn much from working with him.

As your Councillor I will represent **everyone** in the Parish to the best of my ability, but I need to know **your** views, so talk to me!"



We were unable to elect a Chairman of the Planning Committee at this meeting and this will be carried out at the next meeting of the Planning Committee or Full Council, whichever happens first.

Councillors were appointed to our four Committees, Planning, Finance & Human Resources, Land & Estates and Media as well as representatives to or liaison with outside bodies made. All this information will soon be posted on our website at [www.southbrent.org.uk](http://www.southbrent.org.uk)

**Cllr Glyn Richards**  
**Chairman**  
**South Brent Parish Council**