

**Parish Councillor:  
Paul V Green**

**Co-opted April 2019**

**Committee member: Strategy, Administration and Projects Committee**



I moved to Hawkhurst three years ago, having previously lived in a neighbouring village for over 20 years. My wife is from Kent and our boys, born in Pembury Hospital, were educated here in Kent.

I hope my career in communications, marketing, and research will be helpful to the Parish Council as listening to, and communicating with residents is key.

I enjoy living in Hawkhurst – the green spaces and clean air. I shop locally and appreciate the fact that unlike many other villages, we have a thriving shopping parade, supermarkets, nice pubs, and places to eat. I love our historic church, the cinema, and houses full of character. It is a place with friendly people, a connected community both on-line and with the independent Parish Magazine. I believe as our village grows, we must retain the things that make Hawkhurst a great place to live, work and visit. This means being firm in our opposition to development outside of the agreed Parish plan and ensuring local families and businesses are supported with the right infrastructure and public services.

The Parish Council seeks to represent the community and co-ordinate responses to village issues, but it also delivers services – creating the local Parish plan, maintaining the cemetery, The Moor, King George V playing fields, kids playgrounds, street lights and village halls. The Parish needs to spend prudently, services need to be run efficiently and effectively. I will always remember we are spending your money, and your money is hard-earned.

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