

Parish Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith Vice Chairman

Elected May 2021

Committee Member: Strategy, Administration and Projects Committee and
Community and Sports Centre Committee



Martin is a 66-year-old entrepreneur, with a good understanding of the issues facing villages such as Hawkhurst. His credentials include strong business, political and local backgrounds. His career success, which he ascribes to a mixture of hard work and luck, began with service in the Royal Artillery and five further years as a volunteer in the Territorial Army (The Queens Regiment, Tonbridge) while his business career took off. He runs his own small consultancy business, has been an IBM manager, and then worked in the USA becoming the head of an international software company.

Martin, who was educated in Kent, is married with three children and seven grandchildren. His previous

local government experience includes having served as a Westerham Councillor, Mayor, Deputy leader District council and cabinet member of Shropshire council. His political experience includes assisting, as a special advisor, Dr Liam Fox on NHS reform and the House of Lords Defence team.

Martin lists his interest's competition shooting, fishing, theatre and the Royal British Legion.

As deputy chairman of the Parish council, Martin is focused on delivering improved services for residents while protecting our local community from overdevelopment.

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