

**Parish Councillor:
Clare Escombe - Chairman**

Elected; May 2021

Committee member: Planning Committee and Personnel Committee



I have lived in Hawkhurst for six years and lived in a neighbouring village for 12 years before that. We chose to move to Hawkhurst because we love the village with its combination of beautiful countryside and brilliant facilities.

I decided to put myself forward for the Parish Council because of my concerns about the amount of new development in Hawkhurst. That and the fact that I had seen several notices of co-options and thought, perhaps, I should volunteer and do my bit for the village.

I have been a member of Hawkhurst Parish Council for just under two years, and have been Chairman since February 2019. I am also Chairman of the Planning Advisory Group, as well as a member of the Personnel Committee.

Fortunately, I am now self-employed and lucky enough to be flexible with my working hours. Before this I was a teacher and headteacher and would never have had the time for the Parish Council.

I care passionately about planning and development in Hawkhurst. Working with others to try to protect the village from inappropriate development is one of my key aims. However, I am also committed to improving communication between the Parish Council and residents, as well as ensuring that we deliver the services and support that the village needs.

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