



Mike Robertson BEM CMIOSH

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Councillor

Suitability Statement

In response to the advertisement published on 21 June 2020, I hereby formally apply to be a Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Councillor.

I believe that I could bring the following expertise and experience to the Parish council:

- Drafting, developing, reviewing, and revising policies and procedures
- Governance and transparency in decision making
- Bring people around a common purpose to achieve agreed objectives
- Engaging with people at all levels
- Public speaking and engagement
- Knowledge of military culture and operating procedures and protocols
- High degree of integrity and a strong believe in applying ethical values and behaviours
- Building teams, making connections, and bringing people together to mutually support each other
- Health, safety and environmental expertise and qualification (Chartered Health & Safety Professional)
- Extensive experience in competence and capability assessments of contractors and their ongoing management and performance monitoring
- A demonstrable professional track record in getting things done and making a difference

During my career in a variety of senior HSE leadership positions including at Director level, I have gained significant experience in all these areas.

I have led a number of teams in many large complex organisations, over many years, influenced people at all levels in various organisations around the world. Each time my style and approach has resulted in significant and sustainable performance improvements. This could not have been achieved without the ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders and partners within a diverse range of organisations, at multiple levels. This experience I can bring to the Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council.

My most recent experience leading various departments at Hinkley Point C (HPC), including the: operational H&S, environmental, emergency planning and response, harbour masters, 24/7 a fire and rescue and the on-site medical response teams, across a £23Bn+ project with over 5000 people employed on site. HPC is one of the most complex, highly regulated and high- profile projects across the world.

I chaired several HSE related meetings including, H&S Committees (worker and union consultation), Contractors HSE Improvement Forum, Contractors HSE Managers liaison & working groups, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Liaison Group (EPRLG), the monthly Marine Operations Coordination Meetings.

If selected for the role I would champion, facilitate, and try and achieve, the following:

- Provision of new safe walking/cycling routes between Lyneham and Bradenstoke; and possible to other villages and towns bordering on the parish,
- Enhance existing walking/cycling routes around Lyneham and Bradenstoke
- Eliminate fly tipping across the Parish
- Establish and maintain close links with MOD Lyneham
- Explore with the MOD, MACC (Military Aid to the Civil Community) opportunities for the Parish
- Plant more native trees and enhance public spaces
- To try and maintain the high level of community spirit and mutual support currently being demonstrated across the Parish during the current crisis.
- Ensure the efficiency of contractors working on behalf of the Parish
- Facilitate close link with Wiltshire County Council and try and gain as much support as possible from WCC to achieve the Parish councils' objectives.

My current situation is that in February 2020 I retired from full time positions to work part time as a health and safety consultant. However, due to the current COVID 19c crisis this has had to be put on hold. In the meantime, and now having spare capacity I have volunteered my time to help coordinate the Bradenstoke Helpers community support group. This has provided me with a more in depth understanding of the community and the people who live and work in it.

I believe that going forward after the crisis, there will be a higher degree of localism. How communities have pulled together to support each other within our community, I feel that many will want to be more involved than before. This I hope to facilitate across the Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish.

Due to my extensive experience in business, interest in making our parish a nicer and safe place, personal integrity, and ability to get people together to achieve a common purpose, I believe that I can add real value to the Parish Council.

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