

Joyce Bowyer Biography

I thought I had retired from Local Government BUT with the arrival of the chainsaws decimating the woodland at Dixon Road I could not just sit back and do nothing.

As a family we made a lifetime decision to move to the area and from the first visit to Sherfield Park I knew that this was a community where we wanted to live.

Whilst living in West Sussex I was a Town and District Councillor for 8 years, spending a considerable amount of time on the planning committee. On moving here I was co-opted to Sherfield on Loddon Parish Council to represent the residents of Sherfield Park. A year later I was joined by Ellen Bencard and Christopher Wilson.

A decision had already been taken to explore a possible governance review and subsequently this was started by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. After various consultations the order was signed to divorce from Sherfield on Loddon and Sherfield Park Parish Council was born.

Starting a new Council is a momentous task and will not be achieved overnight. I am proud to have been elected Chairman, supported by 6 other councillors with a variety of lifetime skills and we will work together for the benefit of the whole community.