

## **NOMINATIONS – HONORARY ALDERMAN/ ALDERWOMAN**

The reasons for the nominations submitted by the proposer and seconder are as follows:

### **Janet Riddington**

Janet Riddington served as a District Councillor from 1983 to 1999. Janet strongly believes in equality and made herself available to the vulnerable members of the community and was particularly helpful to the elderly with improvements to the environment such as hand rails down a very steep slope, safety rails in front of OAP bungalows, which also prevented motorcycle riders going over front gardens. As a school teacher she was a passionate advocate and champion of Equal opportunities so that children under her care would realise their full potential. She was a dedicated Councillor who gave exceptional service during that period, serving as Vice Chairman of Council from 1996 to 1997, and also acted as Chairman of the Council due to the serious illness of the Chairman from August 1996 to the end of January 1997. During her 16 years Janet served on the Leisure, Environmental Services, Resources and Housing Committees and chaired the Housing Panel. She has, with her husband David, visited Kelkheim the Town twinned with High Wycombe and has hosted German guests on a regular basis.

### **Mike Appleyard**

Mike Appleyard has served as a District Councillor from 1999 to 2020 and in the view of his peers will be a very hard act to follow. His experience in areas of local government will be sorely missed and his passion and dedication for being a Councillor shines through. Prior to being voted as a District Councillor he served as a County Councillor and on the Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council, posts he continued to hold representing his residents at all tiers during his Wycombe District career. Mike has a great interest in the District and has represented his residents tirelessly. He has been an enthusiastic and valuable Chairman of the Audit Committee and has also served on the Improvement & Review Commission, the Personnel & Development Committee and Regulatory & Appeals Committees.

### **Sebert Graham**

Sebert Graham has served as a District Councillor for two periods from 1989 to 2003 and from 2011 to 2020. He is a keen, active and well known Councillor representing residents wholeheartedly during his terms of office. He has served on various committees throughout the years, including Planning Committee, High Wycombe Town Committee, Licensing Committee and Panel hearings. He was Mayor of High Wycombe in 1996/97 and was associated with the Race Equality Council for a long time and served as its chairman on a few occasions. He was a longstanding governor of Hannah Ball First School and retired from the governing body as chairman a few years ago. He is the founder trustee and chairman of the Hill Top Community Centre, which serves all the communities of High Wycombe and in his younger days enjoyed playing Cricket and was known for his medium fast bowling.

## **Alan Hill**

Alan Hill served as a District Councillor from 1989 to 2020 and has also served as a County Councillor. He served as Chairman of the Council from 2010 to 2011. Alan has been an exceptional Councillor who has a great passion for the Town and its residents and always promotes the town in everything he does. He is an excellent ward councillor, always doing all he can to help residents to sort out their issues. He is an experienced Chairman who has undertaken this role for various committees, currently chairing the Licensing Committee. Alan has also always been on the planning committee, he was Vice-Chairman for some time and is therefore incredibly experienced in planning matters. He is also an active member of the High Wycombe Town Committee.

## **Audrey Jones**

Audrey Jones has served as a District Councillor from 1999 to 2020. Audrey has been a dedicated Councillor who has given outstanding service during that period especially championing her residents. Audrey was elected in 1999 as a WDC Councillor for the Downley & Plomer Hill Ward and later the Greater Hughenden Ward. During her service she has been a member of the Cabinet (as Environment Portfolio holder) and Planning and Audit Committees.

## **Hugh McCarthy**

Hugh McCarthy has served as a District Councillor from 2003 to 2020. He has been a passionate and outstandingly dedicated Councillor, representing his residents and always fighting for the best for them. He has been a stalwart member of the Planning Committee as well as the Improvement & Review Commission and a number of its innovative Task & Finish Groups. He has held a number of Cabinet Posts including Deputy Leadership of the Council. Throughout this service he has also been very active as a member of the Chilterns Conservation Board and the Rural Forum and also represents the Council on the Natural Environment Partnership. He is a trustee of Bucks Historic Building Trust and locally is a trustee of Grange Area Trust and Widmer End Village Hall charities.

## **John Savage**

John Savage has served as a District Councillor from 1999 to 2020. He served as Chairman of the Council from 2007 to 2008. The interests of both his ward and the District as a whole have always been paramount to John. He was first elected as a WDC Councillor for Flackwell Heath ward in 1999, later the Flackwell Heath & Little Marlow ward. He has held the Cabinet post of Leisure Portfolio-holder and is currently Chairman of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and a member of the Improvement & Review Commission.

## **David Shakespeare OBE**

David Shakespeare has served as a District Councillor from 1976 to 2020, being the Council's longest serving-Member. David has been an exceptional Councillor who has a great interest in the District and its residents particularly concerning himself with local issues in his ward. He has worked tirelessly to represent his residents and inspired several to become Councillors themselves, who he has gone on to mentor. He has fought to save the Green Belt and to maintain spaces between our villages. He has also served as Leader of the County for several years and Chairman of the Conservative group on the LGA. He has served on Planning & Development, Resources Committees as well as the Strategic Policy Board and the Planning Applications Panel. He also chaired the Planning Committee during his service. He is currently a member of the Improvement & Review Commission and the Regulatory & Appeals Committee. David will be a very hard act to follow for his successors and the loss of his knowledge and wisdom will be a great loss to local government.

## **Jean Teesdale**

Jean Teesdale served as a District Councillor from 1978 to 1999 and again from 2003 to 2020, serving as Chairman of Council from 2006 to 2007. Jean is a keen and dedicated Councillor who has given excellent service during her term of office. Representing the West Central (HW) Ward and then the Cressex and Frogmoor Ward during her initial period of service, also serving as Town Mayor during 1983 – 84. Jean was subsequently elected as Ward Member for the Chiltern Rise Ward in 2003. Over the years she has served on many Committees from the Environment Services Committee to the Planning Committee and as Cabinet Member for Planning then Environment for a number of years maintaining that position under a number of different Leaders.

## **Nigel Teesdale**

Nigel Teesdale has served as a District Councillor from 1979 to 1991 and again from 2015 to 2020. He was first elected as a WDC Councillor for High Wycombe West Central in 1979 then Oakridge & Tinkers Wood Ward from 1983 to 1999, during this period serving as Town Mayor in 1987 – 88. After a period away from the Council Nigel was then elected to Sands Ward from 2015 to date. Nigel is a caring local Councillor who has a great enthusiasm in representing the residents of his ward. He is currently an active member of the Planning and High Wycombe Town Committees.

## **Roger Wilson**

Roger Wilson served as a District Councillor from 1987 to 1991 and again from 1999 to 2020. He served as Chairman of the Council from 2008 to 2009. Roger is an outstanding local Councillor who has a great interest in the whole District but particularly the town of Marlow which he has always represented and championed. He

serves on many charities and outside bodies for Marlow as well as the Town Council. He currently serves as a committee member on the Audit Committee and the Improvement & Review Commission and has held a number of Cabinet posts during his Wycombe career most notably Cabinet member for Finance during which he ensured sound governance of the Councils finances.

**All of the individuals listed above are being awarded with this honour as recognition and appreciation of their exceptional service to local government as a Member of Wycombe District Council.**