

Each candidate was asked to provide up to a maximum of 250 words and the following is reproduced here in alphabetical order.

## **LESLEY GRAY**

I have been a resident in the parish of Billingshurst for sixteen years and feel so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country. During this time I have raised my two children, taken an active part in local activities, supported local people by raising money for local charities and have previously served on Billingshurst Parish Council. I have a broad range of professional experience encompassing housing development, the arts and finance. I am currently studying for a degree at Brighton University. Having been a member of the Council I understand the particular challenges for Billingshurst both within the village and in its relationships with the District and County Councils. At the heart of Billingshurst must be its community. To that end I am interested in supporting community groups and projects which benefit all members of the village from families with children to our more senior population.



## **BRIAN SPICER**

...lives in Wood Croft, Billingshurst, with his wife Janet, and sons Anthony and Dominic. They have a spaniel puppy Alfie. Prior to moving in June 2016, the Spicers lived in Limpsfield, Oxted, East Surrey for 31 years. Brian served an international family business for 30 years, before working for the Governing Body of Table Tennis during the bidding and preparation for the 2012 London Olympics. On retiring in 2011 he received a presentation for 35 years of voluntary and staff service for the Sport. A Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Marketing, 45 year Member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, Brian lists Social Table Tennis and Golf as his key pursuits in sport. Brian has been active in his first year here with clearing litter from Daux Wood, Marringdean Road, and local footpaths as a volunteer to support the small Parish staff of litter pickers. He has much experience in the funding of social and recreational facilities, flooding and drainage of ditches, play areas, Road Safety issues and traffic calming, anti-social behavior, Tutoring and Assessment, and Licensed Coaching. Immediate action points that Brian wishes to agree with Billingshurst Parish Council: Zebra crossings and traffic calming in Marringdean Road and Station Rd. Increased free parking. Development of youth club facilities. Introduction of a table tennis centre. Overcoming littering to keep our community clean. Overcoming wet footpaths.

