

Peak District National Park Authority

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBERS ELECTION STATEMENTS

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Mr James Nigel Anderson

Chairman of Hassop Parish Meeting

Nominated by Hassop Parish Meeting

With our area covering 61 Parishes few of you will know me, but I served the people of North Derbyshire as their Deputy Coroner for twenty two years, retiring last year.

With my wife and two now grown up sons I have lived in Hassop for thirty years. I grew up in Oldham, on the northern edge of the Park where among the many attractive sights are Dovestone, Chew and the Pennine Way.

We all welcome walkers of whom I am one, and cyclists, climbers and all other visitors, but by far the most important matters which directly or indirectly affect us all are fair and consistent planning decisions, and affordable housing.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Pennine Way and I am keen to stand as a candidate to further and to develop the original ideals that founded this Park.

Dr Martin Douglas Beer

Member of Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow and Grindlow Joint Parish Council

Nominated by Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow and Grindlow Joint Parish Council

I have been a Parish Councillor for the last eight years, having lived in the National Park since 2002, and am currently Deputy Chairman. During that time I have been involved in a number of consultations considering the future of the park and how the Authority can best meet its objectives.

In order to maintain vibrant and sustainable communities, developments need to encourage local businesses that enhance the park's attractiveness, take advantage of proximity to large commercial centres, and provide high quality housing for all types of resident. As a member of the Authority I would try not only to set these priorities based on sound evidence, but also hold the officers to account to ensure that these policies are implemented fairly and effectively.

Both businesses and residents are disadvantaged by limited high speed communication and I would work with suppliers so that this provision is available throughout the Park.

Mr Ralph Patrick Hollinshed Brady

Member of Taddington & Priestcliffe Parish Council

Nominated by Taddington & Priestcliffe Parish Council

A retired local authority lawyer/chief executive with 35 years experience of planning, policy and public administration. I was brought up and have lived in the Peak District most of my life.

I succeeded John Herbert as a Parish Member in 2012 and was fully briefed by him.

I have:

1. Pressed for policies to get younger people into villages, so that schools, pubs, activities and communities can thrive.
2. Argued forcefully for improvements in the Planning Service, especially enforcement, and discouraged unreasonable planning requirements;
3. Supported action to deal with off-road problems;
4. Worked to improve communications with parish councils so that the National Park can be more open and responsive to local interests and compensate for the democratic deficit;
5. Been vigilant in trying ensure major policies documents are fair to local people and clear in their meaning.

This will continue if I am elected.

Professor Anthony (Tony) Derek Howell Crook

Member of Curbar Parish Council

Nominated by Curbar Parish Council

It's a privilege to live in this beautiful and historic landscape. Its conservation and management is critical whilst also ensuring visitors can enjoy it and those living and working here have jobs and housing.

I am a chartered town planner, working on planning and housing policy at national level and chairing/sitting on boards of non-profit housing and regeneration bodies (e.g. Shelter). I am also former Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield.

I want PNPA to be more consistent in implementing its planning and other policies and more rigorous in enforcing non-compliance. I want to see more affordable homes of the appropriate type built in the right places so our children and grandchildren can live in the area where they grow up. I hope we can produce a joint parish Neighbourhood Plan to become part of PNPA's adopted plans.

I will regularly consult parishes if elected.

Mr Christopher John Edward Carr
Member of Thorpe Parish Council
Nominated by Thorpe Parish Council

Dear members of Parish Councils

Many of you know me by now having served on the PDNPA over the past eight years however for the benefit of those who don't I would like to tell you how we operate. First of all we are governed by policies, which to some extent we try to adhere to although this seems to vary quite considerably according to the planning application put forward. I being a parish member try to support local issues and the people who live and work in the park. With regard to planning about 95% of applications are dealt with by delegated powers of the officers, the ones that come before Committee are the ones which have objections from the public or Parish Councils, on this note I would like you to support me in being re-elected as a Parish Member to the National Park.

Ms Linda Granger

Member of Bradwell Parish Council

Nominated by Bradwell Parish Council

I was born and brought up in the National Park and I believe in playing an active and positive role in my community. I was a Member of the Village Plan Group and received a very good reception when I spoke at Planning Committee.

I am a Member of the Bradwell PC, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and had a pivotal role in steering the Park's first Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to come before the Planning Committee. NPs help residents get control of their community development and conservation.

As a Member I would:

- Seek a role which would enable me to pass on my NP experience to other Parishes
- Endeavour to improve the Authority for residents and businesses (Planning and Environment)
- Investigate the effectiveness of Enforcement and Monitoring Policy and ways it could be improved (I am not convinced that it currently deters illegal development)

Mr Andrew Brian McCloy

Member of Youlgrave Parish Council

Nominated by Youlgrave Parish Council

I have been a Youlgrave Parish Councillor since 2001 and I am also a Governor at Youlgrave School and editor of the Bugle, Youlgrave's community newsletter. I actively support various village groups and I am a member of Youlgrave Community Land Trust which has just built eight affordable homes for local families. For the last four years I have been a Parish Member on the National Park Authority where, amongst other things, I have backed residents of Hartington and Baslow over high-profile planning cases; and the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee that I chair has made four Traffic Regulation Orders curbing the anti-social effects of recreational motor vehicle activity on local communities. With your backing I will continue to champion residents' causes, seeking to limit the effects of any spending cuts on local services, and striving to make the National Park Authority open, accountable and responsive to local needs.

Mr Peter O'Brien

Member of Grindleford Parish Council

Nominated by Grindleford Parish Council

The most important thing for a Parish Member to do is listen to the views of the Parish Councils/Meetings, and then to make sure PDNPA hears and understands these views. They should also report back to each Parish Council/Meeting and any important news, consultations or decisions by the PDNPA.

I will attend at least one meeting a year of each Parish to do this - and on any other occasion when requested.

I am a recently retired town planner (I now volunteer with Bakewell/Eyam Community Transport) - this expertise will help in my role as a Parish Member, ensuring that your views are communicated professionally.

I also think that the PDNPA needs to look again at its housing policies, which don't always help the sustainability of our communities, nor support our young people. And I will support any Parish which feels the PDNPA is not acting in their best interests.

Mrs Kathleen Mary Potter

Member of Rowsley Parish Council

Nominated by Rowsley Parish Council, South Darley Parish Council and Stoney Middleton Parish Council.

As a life-long resident of the Peak District, I care passionately about the preservation of its heritage, its beauty, the welfare of its residents and improving facilities for tourists.

Over the last 18+ years of membership on the National Park Authority I have served on all the main committees, and many panels and advisory groups. My attendance records and participation in discussions are exemplary and would stand close scrutiny.

My local support extends to Chairman of Rowsley Parish Council (executive member of Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), constructive networking with other PC's, liaising with the Police, and being available for attending 3 meetings per week advising as appropriate.

My special interests are in affordable housing, environmentally friendly quarrying, renewable energy sources and farming. I am actively seeking to reduce even further my own carbon footprint.

Importantly, I listen to what other people have to say and help where I can.

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