

Sturton by Stow Parish Council - Roles and Responsibilities



Cllr Martin Cook

Chairman

Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group

Flooding Focus Group



Martin was born in a part of South-West Essex, which was later absorbed into the then new London Borough of Waltham Forest. He and his wife, Marian, married in 1977, have three married adult children and four grandchildren. They first lived near Martins' birthplace, then moved around Essex and London before finally settling in Sturton by Stow in 2013. Martin joined the Parish Council not long after moving into the village, following his desire to always contribute to the community in which he lives; he now serves as its' Chair.

Martin had a varied working life, largely talking for a living! Starting as project clerk for a petrochemical construction, and then a cost surveyor for a commercial catering equipment manufacturer, he lived the dream by turning his hobby since schooldays into a career as a sailing instructor and dinghy racing coach. In later years, he was a personal financial adviser for ten years, and before retirement used his Adult Education Teaching Certificate with a further ten-year stint as an Operational Trainer for London Underground. Along the way, the volunteer Martin also qualified as an open water snorkelling instructor.

He is an active Trustee of several charities and has been a member of the Knights of St Columba since 1984, serving as a director, and Provincial and local Officer over the years. Still contributing as a layman within the Catholic Church, he also sits as vice-chair on the steering committee of the Friends of Nottingham Cathedral.

Cllr Stuart Christie

Vice Chairman

Flooding Focus Group

I am a retired civil engineer and as highways manager I have had knowledge of the village for about 40 years. I now have lived in the village for over 25 years and been a pro- active Parish Councillor for 3 years

I currently volunteer at the hospital and am also an active volunteer with three other well-known charities

I am vice-chairman of the Parish Council, and my main concerns are the financial stability of the Council, in order that we continue to be able to discharge our duties, as well as the environment in which we all live.



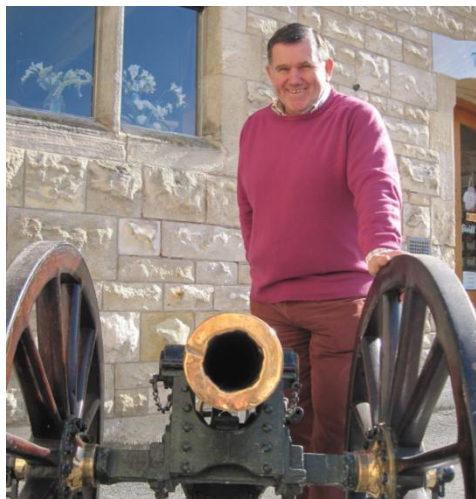


Cllr Christine Christie
Parish Councillor
HR Committee Member

I have been on Sturton by Stow with Bransby Parish Council for over 20 years. I am also an active volunteer for the British Red Cross, St John Ambulance and a small business in Lincoln. I am on the HR committee of Parish Council and committed to ensuring the Council serves the best interests of the residents.

Cllr Carl Hawke
Parish Councillor
Chair of HR Committee
Jubilee Wood Lead
Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group

I am originally from Devon, having grown up in Plymouth before venturing north to Leeds University to study zoology and then to London to study pathology. I first worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine researching African sleeping sickness, then the Ivory Coast briefly before eventually deciding on a career change whilst volunteering with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and lived in a caravan in a wood guarding rare orchids! Nature conservation brought me to Lincolnshire in 1989 - I lived and worked at Gibraltar Point NNR for five years, then the RSPB for 10 years finally joining the National Trust as a nature conservation adviser for 23 years. I returned to Lincolnshire in 2009 and have lived in Sturton now for 16 years. I live with my 24-year-old son and partner. I joined the parish council in 2020, bringing nature conservation and environmental protection expertise.



Cllr Mick Holtby
Parish Councillor
Remembrance Day Service Marshall
Flooding Focus Group

Mick was born in Hull, East Yorkshire on the 10 June 1950, and was educated at Boulevard High School. Aged 19, he joined the Army and served for 24 years with the 17th /21st Lancers, retiring in 1994 in the rank of Captain. On leaving the Army, Mick became an MOD civil servant working as Assistant Regimental Secretary at the Home Headquarters of The Queen's Royal Lancers in Grantham. A large part of the work was with the Regimental Association assisting former soldiers and their families. Another important element of his work was to look after the regiment's chattels and to curate the Regimental Museum, then housed at Belvoir Castle. With little experience as a curator, Mick attended a curator's course at the National Army Museum, this was followed by a 2-year degree course in museum studies, gaining an AMA with the Museum's Association. He has also guided on battlefield tours in Europe and The Middle East. Having retired in 2019, is still active with the Royal Lancers Museum at Thoresby Park, as Curatorial Adviser and Company Secretary. A keen sportsman, he played and coached both Rugby and Cricket, he regularly attends games. He is also a keen fly fisherman. Married to Sue, has lived in the village for over 30 years. Wishes to bring his military experience and management skills to benefit the parish of Sturton by Stow.

Clr Anthony Capuano
Parish Councillor
HR Committee Member

I'm a retired GP having studied medicine at Nottingham and then spent 27 years as a partner at a surgery in the Pennines. I also worked for over a decade as a police surgeon. I'm passionate about nature and have been a keen bird watcher from childhood, a hobby that has taken me to most of the UK and sometimes further afield. I also enjoy hiking and a bit of running and cycling. Since retirement I've done several long-distance walks including the Pennine Way and the West Highland Way.

I have lived in Sturton for just over two years and been a councillor for just over a year. I also volunteer at Doddington in their rewilding project. Having moved to Sturton I realised it is such a friendly, welcoming and traditional village. I wanted to play a part in protecting it for the future as we face pressures on nature, the environment and from infrastructure projects that put rural villages like Sturton at risk.



Clr Calder
Parish Councillor



I have lived in the village for 25 years. I love the village and care very much about our community. You will probably see me walking my dog around the village. I am a senior teacher in a secondary school in Lincoln and work with young people with special needs. Before my current career I worked in flood and coastal defence for the government as an engineer.

As Clerk, I work closely with the councillors acting as a link between councillors, residents, and external organisations. My responsibilities are managing council administration, recording meetings and maintaining records.

I action parish council decisions to achieve the best outcomes for the residents of our parish. I believe the balance between new ideas and modern perspectives along with historical knowledge and experience is vital in helping Sturton by Stow continue to grow as a strong, supportive community.

Together, we can protect what makes Sturton by Stow special while planning positively for the future.

Sturton by Stow is my forever village — the place where my family will grow up and our roots are firmly planted. As a mum of two boys, I care deeply about the kind of community they are growing up in.

I want them to understand the importance of kindness, respect and taking pride in where you live.

Whether it's helping at village events, supporting local initiatives, or simply lending a hand. I believe in teaching them that community spirit starts with showing up and getting involved. I hope to instil strong village values and a sense of responsibility for the place we call home.

Stacey Hoyland
Clerk to the Council

