

Alan Mawer



I believe in participation, communication and representation.

In the five years I have served as a parish councillor I have sought to include more people participating in the processes of this tier of local government. I have done this through the Neighbourhood Plan steering group which I have chaired and the working groups which have consisted of volunteer parishioners working alongside councillors.

If elected for a further term I would like to extend this idea. I have already set up the Bus Users Group which is liaising with Stagecoach and looking to improve the main bus stop in the village.

To communicate effectively I regularly use the BVN and the village website to report on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and other matters and to encourage people to volunteer. I have made myself available at village events to discuss parish council initiatives.

I have represented Braunston at the Daventry Town and Parishes meetings and taken part in training run by DDC Planning Department and by the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

As a geography teacher I used my local knowledge about Braunston's individuality to write a document when, with two other councillors, we successfully lobbied the Local Government Boundary Commission not to include Braunston with about 15 other villages in one large District Council ward.