



My name is Richard Patchesa and I've been a member of Braunston Parish Council for the past year. As you are aware, there is an election this year and all current members of the Parish Council must step down. I am standing in the election and would like to briefly introduce myself.

I have lived in Braunston since June 2005 after living in Northampton for the first 28 years of my life, although I have been visiting Braunston since birth, as half of my family live here. I never thought I'd live in a village whilst living in Northampton, but now I can't imagine living anywhere else. I feel very lucky to have settled in such a friendly village with lots of great things to do, places to go and facilities to use, including a wonderful school which both of my children attend.

I've had a great year as a member of the Parish Council and have learnt lots. I was a total newcomer to the council having never been part of anything like it. There is quite a bit to learn and of course, new people to meet.

Should I get your vote, I'd love to pick up where I left off and continue to contribute whatever I can to our great village and all the people who live here.