

NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL: COUNCILLOR PROFILES 2016

Jan Barber

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

I live in the ward I represent – Youngwood

2. How long have you been a councillor?

Since 1983 – 33 years.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?

I have lived in Nailsea for over 45 years and know the area well. I have served as a councillor on Woodspring District, Avon County and North Somerset Councils and many of the skills overlap. Professionally I was an Ofsted Inspector for 13 years, after many years bringing up my children and working voluntarily within Nailsea.

4. What committees are you on?

I have served on all the committees through the years, but recently have been a member of Environment & Leisure and Planning.

5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?

I was Chairman of Council from 1987-89.

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

Reading, gardening, travel and listening to music.

7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?

Jane Austen.

Phil Barclay

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

Beechwood Road / Yeo Ward.

2. How long have you been a councillor?

22 years.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?

Qualified Town Planner since 1958. Access to the countryside and public rights of way.

4. What committees are you on?

Planning and Environment & Leisure. Town Centre working party.

5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?

Former Chairman of Council.

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

Philately, gardening and family history.

7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?

Aneurin Bevan.

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Liz Frappell

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
Silver Street / Yeo Ward.
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
24 years.
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
Retail, youth provision, sports facilities and Nailsea history.
- 4. What committees are you on?**
Environment & Leisure, Community Engagement, Finance & Policy and Planning.
- 5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
Was Chair and Vice-Chair of Council, and Chair of Planning & Environment and Leisure Facilities. Now a 'back-bencher'!
- 6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?**
Gardening, craft, dogs, sewing and lunching.
- 7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?**
Carl Heston, dressage rider. Magic!

Clare Hunt

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
I live and serve in Youngwood Ward.
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
I have been a member of Nailsea Town Council for in excess of 20 years.
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
My interests are wide and varied, but as a retired teacher education and the needs of young people are close to my heart. However, I'm also a great believer in doing as much as possible to support the well-being of all age groups in our community.
- 4. What committees are you on?**
At present I serve on all the committees of Nailsea Town Council.
- 5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
Vice-Chair of Council 3 years running until becoming Chair. I was Chair for 2 years. Since stepping down, I have twice been elected to my present position of Vice-Chair again.
- 6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?**
My family, particularly my grandchildren bring enormous pleasure to my life, but I also love walking, reading, going to art exhibitions and the theatre whenever possible. Socialising with my numerous friends means the world to me and I value their companionship beyond words.
- 7. At which historical event would you like to have been present?**
I was recently at The Tolpuddle Festival and the words of the Tolpuddle Martyrs are still ringing in my ears. "We will, we will, we will be free". I would have loved to have seen them gain their freedom because of the united support of others - still relevant today.

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Saeeda Jameel

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

I serve the West End ward.

2. How long have you been a councillor?

I have been a councillor for 5 years.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?

My special interests include advocacy in the health and social care sector: youth provision and community engagement.

My skills include legal skills (as I used to be a solicitor specialising in criminal law) such as drafting policies, analysing information and assessing the merits/weaknesses of both sides of an argument.

4. What committees are you on?

Community Engagement, and Planning.

5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?

I am Chair of Community Engagement committee.

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

Dancing, yoga, gardening, reading (fiction) and cycling.

7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?

Nelson Mandela - his courage and vision were inspiring. I have great respect for him.

Rod Lees

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

I serve the Trendlewood Ward

2. How long have you been a councillor?

I have been a councillor for 15 years.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?

I am a retired Property Developer mainly to do with large housing developments

I also have a good understanding of legal issues related to property

4. What committees are you on?

Planning and Finance & Policy.

5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?

I have been Chair of Council for 3 years Vice Chair of Council for 3 years. Chair of Planning for 3 years

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

Model Railways, Sport, Gardening, Travel, Mathematics.

7. What Super power would you like to have?

..... Cloak of Invisibility

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Neil Middleton

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

I live in Chard Close and represent Golden Valley Ward.

2. How long have you been a Councillor?

15 years from 1992 to 2007 and 5 years from 2011.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the Town Council?

Particular interest in Planning, Administration and Governance, as a Chartered Secretary, and equality issues in Employment.

4. What committees are you on?

Planning, Environment and Leisure, Finance and Policy.

5. What positions do you hold/have you held on the Town Council?

Previously, I have been Chair, Vice- Chair, Chair of Finance, Chair of Planning.

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

Reading, archaeology and history.

7. At which historical event would you have liked to have been present?

Sealing of Magna Carta 1215.

David Packham

1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?

I have lived in the Trendlewood area since I moved to Nailsea in 1999. I now serve the Golden Valley Ward.

2. How long have you been a Councillor?

I have been a Councillor for 11 years.

3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the Town Council?

Having worked in the construction industry I bring experience of managing projects from inception to completion and have used these skills with the development of the Tithe Barn, Glassworks and the Skatepark. As a Project Manager I chaired many meetings with people from diverse backgrounds and this has proved invaluable as a Councillor.

4. What committees are you on?

Finance & Policy, Environment & Leisure, Planning and Community Engagement - as well as the Tithe Barn Management Group and Town Centre Working Party.

5. What positions do you hold/have you held on the Town Council?

Currently the Chair of Town Council and previously Chairman of the Finance Committee.

6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?

When not carrying out the many Council duties I undertake I enjoy looking after my garden, walking, looking after grandchildren and visiting family in Australia.

7. What Super power would you like to have?

To go back in time to the time of the industrial revolution and to follow the great engineers of the time who were developing new technologies and building magnificent structures.

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Mary Ponsonby

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
Golden Valley
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
Over 12 years
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
A knowledge of finance, procurement and contracts
- 4. What committees are you on?**
Finance and Policy, Environment and Leisure, Allotment Working Party and Tithe Barn Management Group
- 5. What are your hobbies/ leisure pursuits?**
My church life plus my garden and knitting
- 6. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
Former Chairman of Town Council for 3 years.
- 7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?**
Winston Churchill

Ann Tonkin

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
Blakeney Grove / Yeo Ward
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
2 years in the mid-nineties, and since 2011.
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
Patience, ability to chair meetings, ability to work with others, time.
- 4. What committees are you on?**
Environment & Leisure, Finance and Policy, Allotment working party, Biodiversity working party.
- 5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
Chair of Leisure Facilities Committee for 1 year.
- 6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?**
Gardening, knitting, quilting.
- 7. What is your favourite piece of music?**
Whiter shade of pale - Procal Harem.

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James Tonkin

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
Blakeney Grove / West End ward
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
13 years.
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
Special interests in planning and many years of experience at Nailsea Town and North Somerset District Councils.
- 4. What committees are you on?**
Planning, Environment & Leisure and Community Engagement. Rights of Way working party.
- 5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
Previously, 5 years as chairman of Planning and Environment committee.
- 6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?**
Currently car restoration, freemasonry, town council.
- 7. What is your proudest achievement?**
My two daughters!

John Wilson

- 1. Where do you live / which ward do you serve?**
Four Acres Close / Youngwood Ward.
- 2. How long have you been a councillor?**
2 years.
- 3. What special interests or skills do you bring to the town council?**
Activities within the local community. Tree Warden (includes attending conferences in the South west of England). Founder of the 'Walking for Health Group'.
- 4. What committees are you on?**
Community Engagement, Planning, Environment and Leisure and Finance & Policy. Accessibility, Allotments, Christmas Lights, Rights of Way and Youth working parties. Planning sub-committee.
- 5. What positions have you held/do you hold on the Town Council?**
None
- 6. What are your hobbies/leisure pursuits?**
Walking, Gardening, Photography, Morris Dancing. Music especially Folk.
- 7. If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be?**
Tom Paine (who wrote the 'Rights of Man' and was a Founding Father of the United States of America).