



Minutes 14th January 2022

Meet the Borough Councillor Candidates

Present:

B Newnham (Chair)
 N Trasler (Vice Chair)
 J Lipman (Secretary)
 Borough Councillor Candidates – 6
 Additional Residents – 16

Location: in person at The Arc Community Hub.

The Committee would like to thank STB for the loan of the microphone and speaker – this helped to ensure the audience could hear clearly despite face masks and social distancing.

Agenda

1. Welcome, apologies & Introductions - NT
2. Candidate speeches
3. Q&A
4. AOB

1. Welcome, apologies & Introductions

Apologies:

A Lipman (Treasurer)
 N Rein (Neighbourhood Development Officer)
 Rachel Baker & Faye Forde (Green Party)

2. Candidate speeches

The candidates spoke for 3 minutes each introducing themselves and their key campaign issues. (order was alphabetical by surname):

Manu Fantaisie (Liberal Democrats)
 Anne Gray (Labour Party)
 Beverley Gray (Labour Party)
 Alex Guerrero (Liberal Democrats)
 David Hayes (Independent)
 Christopher Stewart (Conservative Party)





3. Q & A

The audience was invited to ask questions related to local issues to the candidates. Questions could not be aimed at an individual, all candidates were given the chance to answer. Each candidate was given 1 minute to answer. NT rotated the order in which candidates answered so it wasn't the same person going 1st

- **Question** - Has this event been publicised across Shelthorpe Ward?
Answer (HWRA) – Yes. The event has been publicised via local Facebook pages, HWRA email database, noticeboards (including the SCA board outside the Spar shop), and by posters on lampposts
- **Question** – What can you do about residents who place rocks on public verges to prevent cars from parking? This makes it difficult for the council to mow, and it should be public land.
- **Question** – Does it bother you the amount Charnwood Borough Council redact on Freedom of Information Requests? Should this be allowed?
- **Question** – Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – how would you help set one up in this area?
- **Question** – What will you do to enhance the richness of the community, and help residents to take ownership and stick it together as 1 community?
- **Question** – What are your view on Woodthorpe Hamlet and the threat of the recent planning applications, and the Local Plan – will you help protect the Hamlet?
- **Question** – The council is shortsighted. How will you personally make an impact on a council which is stuck in its own ways?
- **Question** – Which Charnwood Borough Council Committee do you want to be part of and why?
- **Question** – the Borough Councillor role is a busy and demanding role. How will you juggle it with other commitments?





- **Question** – what is your view on Buy to let. How can we get more people to live in houses rather than renting them out?

4. AOB

- Wed 23rd Feb 7.30pm HWRA Meeting

