

# STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS St Michaels & Stonefield Ward Thursday 2nd May 2019

Your Independent Candidates  
Part of Stone Independents



Ian Fordham



Rob Kenney



Philip Leason

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**'give Stone a voice in Stafford'**  
**Vote Independent**

Local residents working for Stone

# Message from the Candidates

We are long-standing residents of St Michael's & Stonefield and understand well the area and the concerns and needs of residents.

We will represent all residents regardless of national political affiliation and will judge each and every issue on its merits.

## **We will also:**

Support the development of **improved leisure facilities and play areas**.

Improve **vibrancy of the town** and increase footfall in the town centre.

Work with the Police Commissioner to ensure a stronger police presence in the town and to **reduce crime and anti-social behaviour**.

Liaise with County and Borough authorities to **improve road surfaces, regularly clear road drains** and make improvements to the **appearance of the town**.

Instigate a **review of parking provision** in and around the town.

Work to remove the splinter island at the bottom of Christchurch Way to **improve traffic flow** around the town centre.

Support and **encourage new businesses** in the town to provide employment opportunities especially for younger people.

Work with County and Borough authorities to **review infrastructure needs** (doctors surgeries, schools, traffic) to cater for the number of new homes.

Insist on **strong financial management** and value for money supporting the principle of shared services providing services are maintained or improved.

Oppose further reductions in front line services that are **detrimental to residents**.

Oppose further major housing developments to safeguard the character of the town and **protect green spaces** in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Object to the erection of wind-turbines and telecommunication masts in or **adjacent to residential areas**.

Work towards a 'plastic free' environmentally friendly town aiming to **eradicate litter and dog-fouling**.

# Meet your Candidates

## **Ian Fordham**

Ian is a serving Town Councillor who has lived with his wife in Stonefield for 25 years. He enjoys Stone for its sense of community, parks, green spaces, canal, river and heritage. He is a company director, local charity trustee, co-chair of his residents association and member of several voluntary organisations. He is also a qualified sports coach who works with young children helping them acquire new skills and build confidence.

Ian played a leading role in developing the Town Centre Strategy and helped formulate the Neighbourhood Plan that will guide future development in the town and protect green spaces. He has chaired the Town Council Estates and Town and Tourism committees and is a supporter of the new Crown Wharf Development. Ian is currently working with residents to explore means of improving traffic flow and resolving parking issues in and around Stonefield.

“Stone Independents have put residents first and made a positive difference. I want to build on that and make Stone an even better place to live.”

## **Rob Kenney**

Rob was born in Stone and has lived in Stonefield for the last 30 years and has served as a Town Councillor for over 10 years. Rob spent most of his life working in the construction industry overseeing large projects such as hospitals and prisons. He is a company director and helps his wife run a successful bakery in the Town. Rob helped fight off unwanted planning applications for the Crown Wharf in favour of a plan to benefit the Town and its residents. With investment from Joules Brewery this has now become reality. He has an active role in the Crown Wharf project, the Crown Wharf Theatre Trust and Heritage Centre project.

Rob is part of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to guide future development in the town and protect green spaces. He has been involved in arranging free family events which boost the local

economy by encouraging visitors to the town’s unique independent shops and eateries.

“I believe that hard work and effective promotion will benefit Stone and its residents.”

## **Philip Leason**

Philip has lived in Stone all his life and feels that he knows the town and the concerns of residents. He is an active member of several local organisations most of which are community or youth related. He has previously represented the ward on both the Town and Borough Councils, supporting residents in their objections to housing developments, building on open spaces and ‘garden grabbing’. He is particularly concerned that developments have been allowed without consideration of the effect on infrastructure and traffic congestion. He would also like to see a greater police presence in the town. Having an interest in local history, Philip welcomes the new heritage centre and the Joules development and theatre on Crown Wharf and feels that we can build on this by promoting the town more to increase footfall in the High St and support the traders.

“Being Independent I am not controlled by political doctrine or policy. I look forward to representing the people of the ward.”

# Keep National Politics out of Local Elections

Vote Independent on May 2nd

**You have 3 votes**  
at the  
**Stafford Borough Council election**  
**PLEASE USE THEM TO VOTE FOR**

Ian FORDHAM



Rob KENNEY



Philip LEASON



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