

# SIMON OAKLEY

## The local choice for Tangmere Ward



**Simon Oakley.** I was born and brought up in Chichester District, moving to Tangmere 29 years ago. After a career as a Merchant Naval Deck Officer I moved ashore in 2010 and now devote most of my time to local matters, including service on Tangmere Parish and West Sussex County Councils. Many of you will know me as the Cricket field Groundsman and I'm a Sussex Cricket League Umpire.

4 years ago I stood for election knowing full well the considerable planning challenges facing the Parish. As Tangmere's District Councillor I've established a reputation for subjecting Planning Policies and Applications to detailed scrutiny as a member of CDC's Development Plan Panel and Planning Committee. For Tangmere this has resulted in District Local Plan Policies which reflect the wide range of issues new development will need to address and which subsequently have informed the Parish Neighbourhood Plan (on whose Steering Committee I have sat).

My detailed work on infrastructure contributions from developers has resulted in securing over £300,000 in additional funds for the Parish which would otherwise have been lost.

Other achievements include the restoration of Tangmere to the District Rural Housing Allocations Scheme (improving access to affordable housing in the village for those with a local connection), the Village Centre's Solar Panels (paid for by CDC New Homes Bonus and which are helping the Centre's finances) and extending the village's Historic Conservation Area.

If re-elected I will continue to:

- Closely scrutinise the activities and policies of the District Council to ensure everybody's interests are taken into account and Taxpayers money is appropriately spent on essentials.
- Support the Community Wardens who are an essential part of making Tangmere a good place to live.
- Make every effort to ensure new development is well planned, built and managed, including use of the knowledge and experience I've gained to date.
- Maintain, restore and improve our drainage infrastructure.
- Improve our environment by removing rubbish, new planting and promoting sustainability.

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Please support Simon Oakley on Thursday 7th May 2015

