

Dear John

As you know, following last month's difficult and distressing emergency meeting I have given considerable thought as to whether I can remain on CPC.

I have now come to the difficult decision that after thirteen years I think it is time to stand down as a Parish Councillor.

Having been ill last year and into this, my commitment to the PC needs to be set against the risk it now presents to my continuing recovery.

And, as I have said previously, since the current council seems to have lost the confidence of the most vocal elements of the parish on a number of issues, I do not feel that my continued involvement will add any significant value.

In addition, I have to accept that my own ability work constructively within the current configuration of the PC is probably limited, regardless of who is Chair. As the saying goes "if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem".

Finally, any incoming chair, assuming they have no previous parish council experience, is likely to need significant support. This will be amplified by the continuing lack of a Clerk. Given the circumstances that have led me to this decision, I cannot commit to providing that support beyond an orderly handover of the PC's financial processes.

I think therefore that it is best to withdraw now and help clear the way for the PC to begin afresh with new Councillors and a new approach. I am therefore resigning in advance of the next meeting on 22nd November.

It saddens me to have come to this conclusion and at the risk of being accused of looking backwards not forwards, I would like to thank everyone with whom I have worked over the time I have been a member of Corston Parish Council.

For the most part it has been an enjoyable experience through which I have learned a lot, whilst trying to contribute constructively to the life of the parish.

I hope that the PC is able to fill its vacancies quickly and I wish you all well for the future.

Thanks

Richard