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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the call for co-opting parish councillors in the Kidlington area.

I do not belong to a political party and I would be a non-partisan member of the council.

I have lived in Kidlington since August 1999. I have recently retired after 36 years as a successful teacher. Prior to retirement, I was Head of Religious Studies at Oxford High School. I also taught Politics and Philosophy.

I hold a B.A.Hons. from the University of Lancaster (in Religious Studies) and a M.A. from the University of Leicester (in Historical Studies).

During my teaching career, I have sat on national committees and working parties. I was a member of the National Subject Panel for Religious Studies (involved in developing the Curriculum 2000 A/AS levels). I was the school teacher that represented all English state schools. This panel was set up by the QANGO QCA (equivalent to the current QANGO OfQual). While I was on this panel I acted as a consultant to this QANGO. I was a NASUWT work-place representative and I completed the first level of TUC training. Amongst other things, I wrote a Farmington Paper on the future of Religious Studies.

I am putting my name forward as a newly retired member of the community who would like to be able to give something to the community in which I live.

I would bring an apolitical approach to my contribution to the Parish Council. I would bring my experience of high level committee work. I would bring my knowledge of work place procedures. I would bring my long-standing awareness of life in Kidlington. I love living in Kidlington and I would want to contribute to the positive and friendly development of the area.

With thanks for considering my application.

Robert Packard

May 5th 2023.

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