

ROB BROOKMAN

About a year ago I was persuaded by a friend to put my name forward for co-option to the Town Council. I didn't really know what this would involve and so I went to a couple of Council meetings as an observer to get a flavour for the role. I was impressed that the discussions were lively and serious and involvement of all Councillors was welcomed. I was concerned that there might be Political conflicts between Councillors but I quickly found that there are no Political divisions. All Councillors have equal rights so decisions are taken on a show of hands after free and open discussions. Once I joined the Council I received shed loads of help and advice from other Councillors and, in particular, from the office staff. From time to time training is available with outside organisations which I have found to be excellent. When I joined the Council I was asked to nominate two Committees which I wanted to join. Because of my background I elected to become a member of the Environment and Planning committee and also the Highways and Transport committee. With the Full Council meeting this means that one evening a week is taken up with Council meetings. However, I don't find this a problem. These have broadened my horizons and I recommend that everyone should give it a try.

Please follow this link to read an interview Rob did for Penny Post – local community online newspaper:

<http://pennypost.org.uk/2017/10/penny-post-interview-hungerford-town-councillor-rob-brookman/>