My name is Sue Francis. We moved to the village when my husband’s job brought us to Devon in 2003. Before this we had spent 14 years living in Germany, again when my husband’s job took us there. Until retirement, my career has been in education – teaching in two Berkshire Primary schools, the Frankfurt International School, the International School Wiesbaden and at Exmouth Community College, as an assistant to the vocational students.

Now I have retired and have more time I enjoy walking our much-pampered pet poodle, am quite a ‘Words with Friends’ fiend and a keen quizzer. I enjoy cooking, including making vast batches of piccalilli for family members from my mother’s family recipe. I am a lapsed knitter, creative embroiderer and patch worker and, when I get the inspiration, I still do enjoy the odd craft project.

I know I am lucky to live in such a lovely village and to be part of its caring community. I hope I will be able to contribute in a positive way to the work of the Parish Council by using the skills of listening, problem solving and adaptability acquired through a life time in education and approach the challenges ahead in a fair and open-minded way.