

42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

David Price stood down from the Parish Council in May, having served continuously as a Parish Councillor since September 1961. It was David's express wish that his retirement should not be marked by a presentation or publicity of any kind, so we hope he will forgive us for this short note. It would be quite wrong to allow such a long and distinguished period of service to this community to pass without some form of public acknowledgment and thanks.

During the past 42 years, David has been involved in such important PC projects such as getting Carlton connected to mains sewerage, starting the street lighting programme, purchasing land for the Cemetery, buying and putting up the bus shelters, surfacing the parking area in front of the council houses, and protecting Carlton Green from encroachment.

At the same time, David has been instrumental in monitoring other organisations and services and ensuring that the streets were swept, the verges cut, the mowing done properly, the church and churchyard looked after, and the accounts correct and up to date. When a job needed doing - creosoting bus shelters, repairing seats, painting railings, trimming trees and shrubs, levelling the cemetery, straightening old gravestones, erecting fencing, setting hedges, laying drains, spraying weeds, emptying the church dustbin we could go on David has been there with his tools and experience to lend a hand, and more often than not Kathleen would turn up too with a flask and cakes or biscuits. David and Kathleen's local reputation rests as much on the many small services and good works they carry out for their friends and neighbours as on David's official work for the PC.

So thank you, David, for your hard work and commitment over so many years. We hope that you will be around for a good many more to help with the odd jobs and give us the benefit of your experience and knowledge of the Parish.

Bill Sharp, Judith Boston, Hazel Davenport, Bob Edmunds, Duncan Frazer and Chris Peat

