

Paul Farmer to stand for Town Council



Paul Farmer is a regularly seen on his bike all around Abbeygate ward

Borough Councillor Paul Farmer has been selected as the Conservative Party's candidate in the Abbeygate ward Town Council by-election on 13th March.

He will be campaigning on:

- a reduction in staffing and administration costs;
- a reduction in council tax;
- scrapping unnecessary meetings;
- moving to smaller more cost-effective premises;
- ensuring local people have their say in planning and licensing matters

Why Paul is standing...

"When I left the Council in 2005 I believed it was going in the wrong direction: empire-building, duplicating services, spending too much money and failing to represent local people.

Although I didn't agree with all of the new ABC group's policies last year, I did support their desire for a leaner, more efficient and effective Town Council, delivering services at a reduced cost to the taxpayer."



Paul Farmer seeking local a resident's views

Working hard for you in Abbeygate

"As an experienced councillor working hard for all the people of Abbeygate since 2003 I believe I have much to offer the new-look Town Council and help it at last to find its natural place in the life of Bury - for the benefit of its residents.

"I hope that the electors of Abbeygate will support me as strongly as they did last year.



Councillors Paul Farmer & Richard Rout at their monthly surgery

"If elected I will represent everyone in the ward - regardless of my or their party politics."



An update on other local issues...

Abbeigate Street – Paul has pressed for the new barrier, which is awaiting delivery, to be installed “as a matter of urgency”.

Alicia Court – Paul negotiated with the hair salon and a “keep clear” area has now been marked.

Angel Hill – Paul successfully spoke out at



the planning meeting against the creperie van.

Beech Rise – Paul is still chasing the yellow lining contractors!

Bridewell Lane – Paul has been discussing with the Engineer the possibility of removing the cycle contraflow so that a proper “no entry” sign can be installed.

Castle Road – Paul liaised with the police and council, following the recent vandalism, but unfortunately could not get CCTV installed.

Chalk Road – Paul has asked for an inquiry about the poor road surface. He also pressed for the extra residents’ parking bays there and in **Kings Road**.

Churchgate Street – following representations from the CAA about the problems of some licensed premises, Paul & Richard are applying for the HCZ area to be designated as “saturated”, so that no further premises can be licensed. Paul also pressed for the white lining “no entry”

signs to be refreshed.

Crown Street – Paul got the children crossing sign illuminated.

Harrington Close/Sextons Meadows – Paul arranged a meeting of concerned residents about the state of the river there.

Kings Road – Paul arranged for the temporary bollards to be replaced each morning. Paul & Richard ensured the night club planning application went to full committee, and Paul spoke for residents.

Mill Road – Paul & Richard have kept residents informed about a possible new housing development.

Nelson Road – Paul was able to ensure some requests were met.

Out Westgate – Paul & Richard liaised with Havebury and residents to ensure consultation on the 30 new properties, and pressed for an electronic speeding sign.

Shillitoe Close – Paul has helped residents with cemetery concerns.

Southgate Street – Paul has pressed for a new build-out arrangement by the old post office.

Whiting Street – Paul helped residents object to the YMCA extension.

Richard Rout backs Paul Farmer for Abbeigate



“Paul and I already work very closely as Borough councillors, sharing our monthly surgery and our knowledge of Abbeigate ward. I know we would do the same if he were a Town councillor, especially as we share the same ideas about what the Town Council should be doing.”

About Paul Farmer

Paul Farmer came to live and work in Suffolk over 30 years ago, during which time he has been a Parish, Town, Borough and Suffolk County councillor. He has lived in or around Bury for over 20 years, was a founder member of Bury Town Council and has been a St Edmundsbury borough councillor for Abbeigate ward since 2003.

Paul was formerly Head Teacher of a large South London comprehensive school. He has four daughters and six grandchildren, and his wife Angela teaches at St James Middle School.

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On the first Saturday of every month, Councillors Paul Farmer and Richard Rout hold a drop-in surgery at Bury Library, between 10.00am and 12 noon. *No appointment necessary.*

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