



Note to Members of the Board, District and Specialist Group Chairmen

Date: 4th October 2016

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The CPRE Kent Board will be elected at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Friday 18th November 2016. The Board sets the policy and strategy of the branch and is responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the charity.

Procedure for electing the Board

1. At the AGM all members of the Board must stand down.
2. All existing members that have not yet served five years can be nominated for re-election.
3. **Five-year rule.** Members of the Board who have served five years must stand down, and will not be eligible for re-election until the 2017 AGM. No-one falls into this category this year.
4. **Patron, President and Vice Presidents.** Graham Clarke has been President since 2000 and Amanda Cottrell, Rt Hon Damian Green MP, and Sir Robert Worcester became Vice Presidents in 2008. Tracey Crouch MP became Vice President in 2012. Richard Knox-Johnston became Vice President in 2013 and wishes to continue in that role. Helen Whately MP became Vice President in 2015. There is no maximum length of service for these positions.
5. **Officers** (Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Treasurer) are *ex-officio* to the Board and are nominated by the Board. Christine Drury has served for three years as Chairman and is eligible to stand again as chairman. Nigel Britten and Peter Blandon have also both served three years as Vice Chairmen and are also eligible for re-election.
6. **Board Members:** Hilary Moorby has served as Vice President for a year, and is therefore eligible to stand again for re-election to the Board.
7. **Composition of the Board**
 - 7.1 Each District Committee and Specialist Group can nominate one member. Nominees do not have to be Chairmen of that committee.
 - 7.2 The constitution also allows for up to 5 'General' members whereby any member of CPRE Kent can nominate any other member. A nomination must be seconded by another member of CPRE Kent.

Overleaf is a chart showing the **current** composition of the Board as at October 2016, and the length of qualifying service which will have been reached by each member at the date of the AGM. I am assuming that unless you have told me otherwise, you are happy to stand for re-election; please tell me if this is not the case. **Any new nominations are now invited, and a nomination form is enclosed for this purpose.**

Nominations must be received as soon as possible so that details can be circulated with the AGM papers, due to be mailed early in October.

The Kent Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquility and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

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Current composition of the board: October 2015

| Position | | Name | Length of qualifying service |
|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Patrons | | Lady Mountbatten | no maximum |
| President | | Graham Clarke | no maximum |
| Vice Presidents | | Amanda Cottrell Tracey Crouch MP Rt Hon Damian Green MP Richard Knox-Johnston Hilary Moorby (during 2015-16) Sir Robert Worcester | no maximum |
| Officers (ex officio) | Chairman | Christine Drury | 3 years |
| | Vice Chairmen | Peter Blandon | 3 years |
| | | Nigel Britten | 3 years |
| | Treasurer | Michael Moore | 1 year |
| Board members | | | |
| District or Specialist Group members <i>Nominees do not have to be Chairmen of their committee</i> | Ashford | Vacancy | |
| | Canterbury | Vacancy | |
| | Dartford/Gravesham | Vacancy | |
| | Dover | Derek Wanstall | 3 years |
| | Maidstone | Gary Thomas | 4 years |
| | Medway | Vacancy | |
| | Sevenoaks | Nigel Britten | 4 years |
| | Shepway | Vacancy | |
| | Swale | Peter Blandon | 4 years |
| | Thanet | Vacancy | |
| | Tonbridge & Malling | Vacancy (<i>Cally Ware resigned in September</i>) | |
| | Tunbridge Wells | Vacancy | |
| | Environment | Graham Warren | 1 year |
| | Historic Buildings | Vacancy | |
| Transport | Vacancy | | |
| General members | 1 | Richard Bate | 4 years |
| | 2 | Alan Holmes | 4 years |
| | 3 | Richard King | 3 years |
| | 4 | Vacancy | |
| | 5 | Vacancy | |