

BIOGRAPHY

Bruce Poole BA (Hons) FILCM MMC



Bruce has wide experience in the second of his two careers the first running a management company for 35 years where he managed clients property as well as managing some 35 blocks of flats the largest having 95 units. The second in the first tier of local government both as a Town and Parish Clerk. He is currently the Parish Clerk for Bleadon Parish Council where up to 2015 he had served for some 26 years. Now having returned by invitation firstly as a locum in November 2019 and formally as the Parish Clerk in March 2020. In the intervening years he has undertaken the role of consultant on numerous occasions both as the Town Clerk and Parish Clerk when various councils have required a new direction or someone to solve of their then pressing challenges. . Currently he also the Parish Clerk to Weston-in-Gordano – November 2021 - again having previously acted in a locum capacity.

He is a Past President of the Society of Local Council Clerks 2010/11 having served on its National Executive Council and as Cabinet Member for a number of years. Currently he is the Mentor of the Somerset Branch of Town and Parish Clerks previously serving as Chairman for 14 years. He is CiLCA Trainer Trained and holds the Certificate for the Power of Well Being. He gained a 2.1 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Local Policy with the University of Gloucestershire in 2010. From this he continues to act as an Employment Support Officer for AALC and runs several Training Courses for both SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) and SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils).

Bruce holds Fellowship Membership of the Society of Local Council Management and is a Master Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. He had the honour of serving the IIMC as its Regional Director in 2015-17. Currently he is a committee member of the IIMC Membership and Mentoring Committee.

He is a passionate believer in seeing clerk colleagues suitably qualified especially with CiLCA and the Local Governance Degree. He will do all that he can to see that both new colleagues to the sector and those of some long standing are given every support and encouragement to aspire to these very commendable aspirations. In conjunction with this aspiration he is the Chairman of the Society of Local Council Clerks Charitable Trust.