



WILLESLEY PARK  
GOLF CLUB

## **DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS - 2021**

There are five vacancies for Directors to be voted for at the forthcoming AGM, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. We have received four nominations for five director posts (three for three years, two for two years) therefore a ballot will be necessary to ascertain the length of office.

The applicants are:

Mr Neil BRIGGS

Mr Allen GRAHAM

Mr Andrew BARNETT

Miss Linda WOOD

Nominee: NEIL BRIGGS

Proposer: Mrs. K BURTON

Seconder: Mr. D MORELAND

Supporting statement from Mr BRIGGS:

Hi, Neil Briggs here, I have been a member at Willesley Park for 10 years, I train apprentices for Bloor Homes, I have been a board member before but had to stand down due to work commitments I am now working closer to home so would like to put myself forward to work on the board again. I have a passion for Willesley Park as golf and members at Willesley has and have helped me through some dark times in my life.

My work life has led me down various different paths from Teaching construction to Pastoring a church to working with special needs students, I am committed to what I say

I will do and I am not afraid of hard work. I feel that the skill sets that I have acquired over the years from Building to Amenity Horticulture would help me in a role as a member of the board at Willesley.

Nominee: ALLEN GRAHAM  
Proposer: Mr. P M DAVIS  
Seconder: Mr. J MONAGHAN

Supporting statement from Mr GRAHAM:

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Board Director Profile  
Allen Graham

Golfing History:

I have been a member for around 28 years at Willesley park Golf Club. I have played golf since being a junior, commencing my golfing journey at Springhead Municipal, Hull. I was a member on two separate occasions at Chevin Golf Club, Derbyshire and also a member of Newark Upon Trent Golf Club.

My Motivation:

Having served for the last three years on the board, during what became an extremely challenging period I would be honoured to continue as a director of Willesley Park Golf Club. During the last three years I believe I have significantly contributed to the strategic and operational structures resulting in a drive towards clearer prioritisation, improved member engagement and stronger financial governance. I have been proud to work with a talented team of directors (both past and present) and wish to continue playing a full part in securing a sustainable future for the club.

I continue to believe that with a "business like" approach the club can have a positive and opportunistic future, without losing the benefits of a member club environment. I also remain committed to recognising the strengths that others can bring to the board and supporting them in delivering collective and transparent leadership for the overall benefit of all members of the golf club. I understand the difference between strategic and operational management, and will be wholeheartedly committed to supporting the club and course manger and our professional staff, in developing a customer centric team ethos, which also motivates and develops the staff to deliver the vision, policies and strategies required to maintain our high standards whilst hopefully bringing about further improvements.

My Experience:

I am the former Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council in Nottinghamshire; I was proud of the fact that I led an organisation which was nationally recognised on numerous occasions including being awarded the leadership team of the year (2017) as well as the commercial and entrepreneurial Council of the Year in 2018. I am currently the founder and owner of a company called Circling Squares Ltd. I am also currently Chair of a charity called Safe and Sound based in Derby. I am the past chairman of Rushcliffe Environmental Ltd and of Rushcliffe Enterprises Ltd.

Qualifications:

Masters in Business Administration (MBA)  
Chartered Director (Institute of Directors)  
Institute of Revenues & Valuation (IRRV Hons)

Nominee: ANDREW BARNETT  
Proposer: Mr. N GREENHALGH  
Seconder: Mr. J SCATTERGOOD  
Supporting statement from Mr BARNETT:

I've been a Member at WPGC for 8 years and in March this year I was co-opted on to the board of directors, my primary area of focus was to assist with the long-term future of the club and getting involved with the business development committee. Having lived in and around Ashby all my life I've always seen the golf course as a great asset for the surrounding community and one of the best in the county which I am proud to say is my home course. I am keen to ensure that the course has a long-term future for generations to come, I think golf is an ideal sport to network and meet new people in a social and business environment. I am passionate about ensuring that we deliver a first-class experience to our members and anyone who visits the golf course, this is important and will ensure that we get recurring annual revenue allowing us to constantly invest in improving the club and its facilities. During my time on the board, I feel I have demonstrated my ability to build rapport with the members, I have had positive feedback from numerous people about my engagement with them and my contributions to the club. I think it's key to have consistency with our long-term plans and would like to be able to contribute towards this as much as possible.

Outside of golf I work for an engineering controls company in the role of Business Manager leading a team of 35 people ranging from Operations Managers, Sales & Account Managers and Engineers. As leader of the team this includes all aspects of employee development, recruitment, and annual performance reviews. I have full responsibility for my individual business P&L; ensuring that we meet our financial KPI's and customer service level agreements. As Business Manager I am responsible for generating business strategy in line with our corporate objectives; to ensure that all employees understand our strategic aims and how their individual roles contribute towards this. I have managed and led teams for 14 years and as such I feel I have excellent communication skills which have allowed me to build good relationships with peers, team members and senior directors. I have extensive experience with customer satisfaction and employee engagement surveys along with strategic actions, action plans for improvement. My various career roles have provided me with a number of key skills and experiences which are transferrable to working on the board of directors at the golf club. As a leader of people, I am also responsible for ensuring that all health & safety policies and procedures are followed as well as any HR related activities in line with company guidelines and employment law.

I am also a committee member for Marlborough Rovers Football Club and have been for 9 years, as part of this I am involved in various decision-making processes for the general running of 20+ children and adult teams, so I am familiar with the importance of helping the younger generation to become involved in sport in the community.

Nominee: LINDA WOOD  
Proposer: Miss J MANSFIELD  
Seconder: Mrs. J JERRAM  
Supporting statement from Miss WOOD:

I have been a member of WPGC since 2013, currently a Director and also involved in the Ladies Committee.

During the last three years as a Director I have been given the role of Compliance Officer – this has entailed developing and reviewing many of our Policies, ensuring our fulfilment of the Club's SafeGolf accreditation including the appointment of a Welfare Officer and managing a variety of HR elements. I have also been an active member of the Business Development Committee.

I would like to continue my commitment to the work of the Board to progress both the work begun and to assist the club at what is, I believe, a particularly auspicious time in terms of development. There are, as seen from the Consultation process, many challenges facing the club if we are to confirm its standing and future for the next century.

The Board thanks Mr BRIGGS, Mr GRAHAM, Mr BARNETT and Miss WOOD for their interest in serving as a Director of Willesley Park Golf Club.

Mrs Janet Seal  
Chairperson, Willesley Park Golf Club