**Pool Parish Council**

**Councillor Joanna Rowling, Deputy Chairman**

**Profile**

My husband and I moved to Pool in 1995 from Arthington where he, a local farmer, was born and bred. Our daughter went to school at Pool CE Primary and Prince Henry’s Grammar.

Since retiring from primary education in 2009, I have worked to serve the community and to stand up for the causes I believe in. In 2012, whilst opposing the sale of alcohol from the petrol station, and the messages that gave to our young people using the playground and skate park, I was asked to join the Parish Council. As a Councillor, I am a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the Wharfedale Greenway Steering Group and the Pool Village Memorial Hall Committee. I work hard, with my fellow councillors, to try to help make our roads safer and our green spaces more attractive, including doing a lot of gardening. I am passionate about preserving our green field sites from inappropriate development, both for our present needs and from consideration of the future food production needs of our children and grandchildren in an increasingly turbulent world. I enjoy belonging to the community of Pool-in-Wharfedale and try to do my best to support my fellow residents.

In my spare time, I play early music, edit an early music newsletter and perform with the Leeds Waits. My real excitement now, however, is the imminent arrival of our first grandchild!