## **Staplehurst Parish Council**

## Parish Cllr. Sam Lain-Rose

## Written Statement

Joining the Parish Council in May 2011 as a co-opted member, I am a keen and enthusiastic member of the Parish Council, passionate about community facilities and services. I sit on many groups of the Parish Council including Finance, Policy & Strategy, Communication, Employment, Emergency Help Team, Merit Award and Wimpey Field Groups, as well as, assisting with the creation of a Youth Parish Council.

As the 'baby' of the Council, being in my early twenties, I am a keen challenger – ensuring the Parish Council acts in the best interests of the residents of this rural village, not just for this generation, but for future generations.

I have lived in the village the entirety of my life, and live in the same property my grandparents did when they purchased it in the 1960s.

I have experience in many areas – working in the public sector at West Kent College, as well as private sector, where I am currently Food Service Manager for A.F. Blakemore & Sons Ltd. In addition, to my career, I have managed a number of enterprises since I will still in education, the first being Kent's Talent, a purely charitable group which raised funds for cancer charities. Then in 2011, I formed LAIN AND ROSE Community Interest Company and from this success I created The LAIN & ROSE Group Limited in April 2015.

I am currently studying towards my BA (Hons) in Business and Management with the Open University, whilst I continue to work within the village. My knowledge and experience spans a widerange of specialities including; Human Resources, Service Management, Social Enterprise, Public Administration, Business Finance, Retail and Business Management.

I am a bit of a work-a-holic and enjoy a challenge, but when I do take time to unwind, I enjoy spending time with friends, going for walks across the Kent countryside and going to festivals.