

## Hinckley Community Football Club Ltd Elections – 2015



### Statement from Bryan White

For many years I followed the former Hinckley Athletic and then after the merger Hinckley United FC. I was also a shareholder in HUFC and expressed my concerns over events and the handling of the club during the final seasons both at AGM's and other events. When it came to light in early 2013 that assets had been transferred and that the club was in all likelihood going to fold I arranged for Supporters Direct to meet a small group of fans, to look at ways of creating a new club for Hinckley as it was likely the old one would fold. This allowed for the basic foundations to be in place to start again but as a club owned by the members not outsiders only interested in their own personal agenda. From this a working group evolved and a constitution produced for a new community based club with every member having a single share. I was one of the four singularities to the constitution and represented the club as one of those who attended the meeting with the FA to demonstrate our financial plans and support the claim that Hinckley AFC be considered as the phoenix club by them.

Among my other roles, since the formation of the club, is responsibility for the running of stadium at home matches, dealing with other football related issues and assisting with financial planning.

Until I semi-retired a year ago, I gained over 40 years of experience working in various management roles in both the public and private sectors. This included major international companies and a large local authority. Today I run my own small business on a part-time basis.

I started watching not league football over 50 years ago with my father and since then have followed, played in or been involved in the administration of the game. I feel that both my work and business background together with my knowledge of non-league football would be helpful to the club. At this point I would hope that in three years when elections again come around that the club will be operating on solid

basis. I would then hope to be able to hand over to younger members able further drive the club forward.

My personal vision is for this community club to be headed up by a first team playing at the highest level achievable but with many other teams catering for all age groups sexes and levels of ability. This would include boys, girls, men's, women's, older age groups and those that may have a disability either physical or learning. I would also like to see a club that reaches out to the local community and is involved and contributes to it. I also recognise that the aim is to return the club to a ground in Hinckley as soon as possible. Ideally this would be at Leicester Road but if not within the town boundaries.

Based on my experience, knowledge and commitment to Hinckley AFC I wish to offer myself for election to the board for a three year term.

If anyone wishes to speak to me in person about my vision and hopes for the club I would be very happy to talk to them..