

Application for Rye Town Council vacancy (Vagn Hansen)

1. **Personal Information:**

Name: Vagn Nedergaard Hansen. UK and Denmark citizen

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

2. **Why would I like to join the council.**

I retired from Shell in 2010 and after years of working internationally and nationally, I thought it was time for me to give back to society. I joined several national charities, but increasingly felt that I should contribute where I live. Abigail, my wife, and I decided to settle in Rye in 2019 after living 10 years in Peasmarsh. We very much now feel part of the Rye community and we have built a strong circle of friends here.

In general, I want to serve the community in the way most needed

I would like to use my own skills such as financial budgeting and reporting as well as working and leading teams. I have a strong interest in History, so I would love to get involved in planning and preservation.

I believe there are many challenges facing us in the future e.g., maintaining Rye as a place where people can live and work as well being a magnet for tourism. In that context it is important to preserve and promote local services.

We will have unique challenges with climate change and sustainability in Rye and I would like to help making progress on that front.

3. **Education:**

Bachelor degree: Marketing Economics 1981, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark.

M.Sc. degree: Chem. Eng. 1977, Copenhagen Technical University, Denmark.

4. **Skills/knowledge**

I have a well-developed business and commercial acumen, having worked across many different businesses and charities.

I have extensive Finance experience after more than 40 years in Finance. This includes all aspects of finance including accounting, budgeting and reporting.

I'm used to dealing with complex issues through a pragmatic, logical approach and through working with people.

I also have experience working with diverse groups, both in business and charities

5. **Experience:**

Worked 30 years for Shell International, with the last 20 years in international senior Finance roles including board roles.

I retired from Shell in 2010 and have since been working independently:

I have been the Treasurer for Peasmarsh Memorial Hall since 2009

Alongside Chris Hoggart I am an administrator for Speedwatch in Rye, and I do regular speed watch sessions

I was elected Chair of the South Undercliff Allotment Group in November 2022.

Trustee (treasurer) for the Dartington Service Design Lab, a charity that challenges and inspires radical reform of systems and services to improve the lives of children, families and communities (<http://www.dartington.org.uk/>). From September 2011.

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Trustee (treasurer) of Success for All (<http://www.successforall.org.uk/>), a charity that with a primary focus on literacy, works with schools to improve behaviour and attainment in children aged 3-14. October 2014 – October 2018

Board member of the national unit of the Family Nurse Partnership programme (<http://fnp.nhs.uk/>) in England that on behalf of the department of Health led the support of 16,000 first time young mothers. October 2013 – April 2018.

Trustee (treasurer) of TB Alert (<http://www.tbalert.org>), October 2010 – October 2015

Independent Consultant; Executive Advisor; Executive Coach for leaders in the Finance, Property, Transportation, Pharmaceutical and Oil industries.

Associate director of Kurt Salmon (www.kurtsalmon.com), a management consulting company, November 2010 – May 2012.

Special Advisor (voluntary) for the Mayor's fund for London April 2010 – July 2012: supporting strategy development and implementation, recruitment and other HR and commercial activities. Interim CEO July – October 2012

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Professional career pre 1.4.2010:

2007 - 2010	<u>Vice President Global Migrations Finance Operations, Shell International Ltd.</u>
2003 – 2006	<u>Vice President Finance and Business Services, Shell Global Solutions.</u>
2000 - 2003	<u>CFO, Oil Products Europe Supply, Refining & Distribution, Shell.</u>
1997 - 1999:	<u>CFO - Global Gas & Power, Shell.</u>
1996 - 1997:	<u>Strategic restructuring manager - Oil Products Europe, Shell.</u>
1992 - 1995:	<u>CFO - Shell Denmark.</u>
1977 - 1992:	Various Finance and Marketing roles in Denmark and Europe

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