**Chairmans Report 2022**

**Welcome**

Our last Parish meeting was held online due to the pandemic, and I am very pleased to be holding this meeting in person.

This year we are delighted to have welcomed Councillors Harvey Bowley and Kate Beynon to the Parish Council.

Fiona Wilkie sadly stepped down from the Council this year and we’d like to thank for her excellent service to the community and the Council.

In the Parish we have seen the new pylons being installed and we are looking forward to the completion of the small improvement scheme at Biddisham Lane which was delayed by technical difficulties.

The Council have responded to 22 planning applications this year 23 by the end of the week. The Council continues to actively contribute not only to matters raised in the parish but in the wider community such as the review of the A38, Bristol Airport, Somerset Buses and climate change initiatives.

We have allocated our recreation funds from the District to the outdoor table tennis table and we helped to secure funds for the halls towards safety and cleaning equipment to help them to reopen securely. We are also delighted to be planting an oak to commemorate the Queens Jubilee, which was secured through a scheme from Sedgemoor District Council.

This year is an election year for the Parish Council and the new unitary authority, and we await the detail of how the new authority will affect the Council and the Parish.

The annual accounts for the Council are always available on our website if you’d like to see those.

Finally I’d like to publicly thank all the Councillors, who don’t hesitate to step up to deal with issues in the Parish and have continued to attend meetings and carry on with business throughout the uncertainty of the past few years.

Chairman Fred Body 21st March 2022