

## Chairman's Report 08.03.2022

When I was preparing this report, I looked back to reports when I was previously Chairman, going back 20 plus years. It didn't really surprise me to see that a lot of things that we as a council had to deal with are still current.

We continue to have issues with several constant topics.

- The parish roads. They are getting worse! The roads around the parish are terrible. We regularly hear of incidents, vehicles going off the edge of roads and broken springs/shock absorbers. We keep on at relevant authorities to repair or in some cases rebuild our roads! I know that money is tight but we deserve a road system which is fit for purpose.  
I'm not aware of much, if any, remedial work being carried out and if it is it is patchy, literally!
- The council continue to make representation the relevant authorities regarding road safety, using the results from the SAM2 (which is regularly moved around parish)
- Planning is another hot topic! We meet as a planning working group to discuss any applications and look at them on an individual basis considering all relevant factors. Our decision is then brought to full council for consideration.

The PC continues to support the local churchyards with contributions to their upkeep.

The council is discussing with Wimbotsham PC the feasibility of a walkway between Stow Bridge and Wimbotsham.

I would like to thank the Borough & County Councillors who make the effort to attend our meetings regularly. Also, I thank all my fellow councillors for their support in the last year and that we continue to work as one.

I make a special thank you to Mrs Vicki Howling, our clerk, who does a great deal of work on our behalf.

DRF Barnes  
Chairman