

**PC Chairman's Report.** In the two years that have elapsed since the last Annual Parish Meeting, there have been many changes in the village. Some of these will be noted in other presentations, but it is true to say that several of these, such as HOTV and the new pavilion and the housing development are having a profound positive impact on the village. It is pleasing that the new housing development has as anticipated given the opportunity for families that have associations with the Village the opportunity to live in Stoke St Gregory, as well as bringing in new residents.

Following the last APM, the AGM of the Parish Council elected GG as Chairman supported By SS as Vice Chair. At the time of the last report, it was noted that Glynn Banks was standing down from the PC. Glynn was replaced by Janice Pearce. More recently in February Nick Sloan stepped down as a Parish Councillor after making an exceptional contribution over the preceding nine years; Nick's place on the PC was filled by Simon Dauncey. GG would like to thank every member of the PC individually for their commitment and hard work over the past 24 months and for their attendance to PC meetings. While there is not always agreement there is certainly synergy with each councillor bringing an additive contribution.

At the time of the last meeting Kelly De Silva had just been appointed as Parish Clerk. In the subsequent two years, GG would wish it to be noted that Kelly has made an exceptional contribution to both the PC and the community at large for which the whole PC expresses its thanks.

GG also thanked Phil Stone, Sue Buller and David Fothergill for their conscientious attendance at PC meetings and their support in wider matters of local governance.

While the positive impact of major changes in the village have been widely reported, there remains an undercurrent of intractable issues that demand continuing focus. Not least of these is the continuing poor broadband availability in Meare Green and Curload, the traffic congestion and parking in the area of the School and the Village Square, as well as traffic management both in terms of speed and volume. These will continue to demand the attention of the PC. However, we are hopeful of completing the project to reduce the speed limit to 30mph in the coming months.

Finally, at the time of the last APM the new village website had just been released. In the intervening period it has developed to become one of the 'go to' sources of information about the village and it plays a significant part in positively presenting the community of SSG to the world at large. I would like to thank NS for his continuing dedication to keeping this site relevant and current, as the world's window into Stoke St Gregory.