

## **Chairman's Report for 2017/18.**

Well, one year on and it's time for a quick summary of some points of note that have occurred during the previous year. Your council have maintained the low cost to the parish, but hopefully cover the necessary items.

Thanks go to Cllr Briden for the litter picks, and to any others who assisted. Maybe less litter will accumulate without the Ironman competition, and all the training weeks leading up to it.

Thanks are due once more to Cllr Hatton and Carla Dawe for their joint efforts to supervise the ongoing repair and maintenance of the parish footpaths.

I took on the Snow warden role, allowing the village to have deliveries of salt to meet our needs. This year was possibly the worst year for snow we have seen for a decade or more, and I spent several hours with my tractor clearing snow.

Exebrige has now installed its flood defence store, which we hope will not be required to be used.

Grants from the Amenity Fund were given to both St Georges Church and to the Village Hall, to be used as they felt suitable for the benefit of the community. Thirdly Bampton Town Council were given money towards the Devon Air Ambulance landing site. The parish was awarded a grant towards IT equipment purchase, which was then procured for the clerks use.

The annual grass cutting and village maintenance costs were met and work well done. The new village notice board was purchased and erected for parish events and notices. Some road repairs and improvements on minor roads have just been completed after a long time waiting.

A few planning items have been approved, with new houses waiting to be built soon!

It was a bit of a surprise when Karen Ward contacted to resign from her role as clerk, but we are very pleased to now have Sue Squire as the new parish clerk.

I would like to thank all Councillors for their support during the year, the parishioners who volunteered for council projects, hoping for a good year ahead.

**John Wescott**