**RODE PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair Report 2023/2024

The life of a parish councillor is nothing if not varied. Over the past year the parish council has been involved with, in no particular order:

Replacement benches

Paths – both new and existing

Licensing issues

Planning issues

Drainage and flood prevention work

Climate change

Speeding and speed limits

Buses and timetables

Street light timings

Local community networks

Bins – both new and replacements

Hoedowns

Grass cutting

Community buildings

For me a few of the highlights have been:

Engaging a new grass cutting contractor to secure better value for the parish from one of our largest annual spends

2 village-wide consultations on switching off unnecessary street lights at midnight which has now resulted in authority having been given to SCC to reprogram the affected lights

After 3 years of effort our new 20mph speed limit through the village appears on the SCC contractors scheme of work for July

The new path across the playing fields is now complete and gives a vital footpath access for residents of Church Farm into the village all year round

Due to the persistence and hard work of Peter Travis we have maintained and enhanced the number of buses passing through the village. Congratulations once again Peter on your recent civic award from Frome Town Council

This is not to diminish the importance of the other parish council activities mentioned above, nor to downplay the involvement of the councillors concerned.

Once again my wholehearted thanks go to my fellow parish councillors and our clerk who give so selflessly of their time for no reward, and often no thanks, to make our community a better place to live.

Mike Salmon

Chair – Rode Parish Council