



**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
MAY 2013**

This has been a year in which the PC has continued its business effectively with little controversy. This is, of course, a good thing and is due entirely to the continuing commitment and dedication of councillors and the clerk. Most of our projects are now up and running and the PC can be pleased that these are well used and appreciated by residents. The council can also be confident that it contributes to the wellbeing of living in Whitley and is able to respond to residents' concerns when needed. Nonetheless, we should continue to look at how well we perform and whether we are best prepared for new ideas and projects, as well as problems, as they present themselves. We must also ensure that we continue to communicate effectively within the community and be sure we optimise this objective as the village continues to grow and attract new people. We still have some long term objectives that would greatly benefit the village, such as proper community space and facilities, a village hall, the installation of mains gas, and better traffic management and infrastructure, and although these are not easy to achieve, the council has shown great ability in bringing large projects from idea through to successful completion.

Thanks once again to my fellow councillors Frank Blackburn, Jack Davie, Kath Walton, Sue White, Phil Gerrard & John Watson for each contributing their time, energy, skills, enthusiasm and good humour for yet another year. My appreciation, also, to the continued excellent, dedicated and professional contribution of Keith Leppingwell, our parish clerk.

I believe Whitley Parish Council continues to achieve much and maintains a business-like and responsible approach to getting things done as well as representing, and involving, the community.

Thanks once again to all

Simon Humphrey

Chair