## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening and sincere apologies for my absence.

The last year has been another one severely impacted by COVID but I am sure you will agree with me in hoping that we are now over the worst of it and we can continue forward with some sense of normality. I feel that Staplehurst Parish Council had another very productive year, we continually support community groups and residents, we work hard on all planning matters, and we consistently generate improvements in around the village. We communicate with various organisations to improve matters for our community such as the Police, Arriva bus service, water and drainage suppliers and various others. We work hard on gaining road improvements and road safety and have excellent communication with our community.

We are currently going through the engagement of a new parish clerk and I would like personally to thank all our staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Here in Staplehurst the support we get from our community is absolutely amazing and I cannot thank our residents enough for all they do to help us.

Finally, I would like to thank our borough councillors and county councillor for their continued help and support.

Wishing you all a pleasant and productive evening.