

## **Chair's report for March 2021**

### **COVID-19**

Locally the infection rate is now below the national average but in Wiltshire as whole 30 new people had a confirmed positive test result reported to them on 2 March 2021 so we still have to take care. On the positive side COVID-19 vaccinations are taking place to an ever-increasing number of people but we have been told that even after vaccination we have to obey the rules – for instance, the virus can be carried on our hands thus providing a cross-infection path to others who may not have been vaccinated – so by following 'Hands – Face – Space' we will lower the risk to those who have not been vaccinated.

### **Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting**

On 26 February Councillor Hassett and I attended the Amesbury Community Area Transport Group meeting. A request was made to CATG for a different coloured tarmac to be used bollards provided on the virtual footpath outside the Co-Op. The High Street is due to be resurfaced this year, the recommendation from the highways engineer was that a different coloured tarmac could be laid at this time. However, the road is too narrow for bollards to be installed, especially as we have requested the opposite pavement be widened to allow the buggies of restricted mobility persons to remain on the pavement and not be forced to use the running carriageway.

### **2021 Census**

By now every household should have received a 'Census 2021' notification in the post. The Census gathers information about the local population so that services such as transport, education and healthcare can be planned for the years ahead and only takes around 10 minutes to complete. For those without Internet access a paper form can be obtained by calling 0800 141 2021.

### **Forthcoming local elections**

Local elections are being held on 6 May, all eleven seats of your Parish Council are open for candidates to put themselves forward to be elected onto the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is there to represent you so the wider the mix of people on the council the more representative it can be of our Parish. Nomination packs are available from Thursday March 11 and the closing date for nominations is 4PM on Thursday 8 April - if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor the Parish Clerk can provide further details.

This concludes the Chair's report.