I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their continued support in my second year of office.

The Parish Grants were awarded at the AGM last April.

Braunton Parish Council has continued to work on behalf of the Parishioners of Braunton.

Our two major projects were the naturalisation of Velator Quay including installation of a new pontoon and the Recreation ground Pavilion. The Recreation ground Pavilion is now complete with very up to date facilities and a building to be proud of. The official opening was on the 18th September 2014 with members who built the original building back in the sixties being invited, along with the architect, the solar panel company, the builder and Derrick Spear.

Velator Quay is also complete with just a few minor jobs to be done and there will be an official opening in the summer of this year.

I attended the Village Fair and am pleased to say that the weather was much kinder than the year before. The sun shone and it was well attended.

For the sixth year running there have been two more rose beds dedicated along with the dedication of the reciting of the Braunton Royal British Legion Rose bed.

Thank you to all those who attended the Civic Service on 28th July. My thanks go to Anne Thorne who carried out the Service and members of the Church who helped.

I laid a wreath on 4th August in memory of the 100 years of the First World War and also laid a wreath at the annual remembrance service and took part in the two minutes silence in the Square on the 11th November.

At Christmas the village was decked with Christmas lights and decorations and I would like to thank everyone, particularly the traders, for making it look so festive.

During the past year I have attended various functions and civic services of other Mayors and Parish council Chairmen which have been very enjoyable and an opportunity to meet likewise people.

With the reorganisation of the office Staff headed up by Tracey Weaver our Parish Clerk we now have a very efficient team and office hours reverted to the original hours of 9am to 12noon. The Parish Hall Bookings have increased. We also have a good outside working team of Staff now who, along with the office Staff, work well together.

I thank Trish Parsons Vice-Chairman for her support to me.

Councillor Mrs Elma Blackmore

Chairman