

# **ILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING CHAIR'S REPORT 2023/24**

Welcome

This past year has seen a few personnel changes to the Council and I'd like to thank all of the Councillors that have served our parish within that period of time for their contribution to the wellbeing of our parish.

Similarly, we also said goodbye to our clerk of two years, but we have welcomed our new clerk, Annie Dallaway. Both of these ladies work extremely hard and efficiently behind the scenes keeping us legal and in order – they also have the difficult task at times of keeping us Councillors in order!! For everything they have done and do we cannot thank them enough.

The current Councillors have shown their commitment to this parish by going on many of the training courses available to them and have formed new staffing and finance committees to ensure the smooth running of the Council as a whole.

At the beginning of the financial year a village consultation was undertaken to establish what projects the villagers thought the Parish Council could provide and some of those projects are being discussed at our next meeting.

One of the biggest decisions we have made this year is to employ a contractor for our green spaces – this was a huge financial decision, and had a big impact on our precept, but we are confident that it was the right thing to do and we welcome George aboard. He, of course, follows the volunteers that were in place before him and we also would like to record our thanks to all of those that dedicated their free time in helping to keep this village looking its best.

During the year we have continued to financially support the Merryfield Messenger and Ilton Youth Club, the new bigger bins were installed at various points around the village, repairs were carried out on the bridges at Brook Green and a bench was installed on the village green. The remembrance service in November was very well supported and we were able to contribute £691 to the British Legion and in December the Christmas Tree lit up the green on those cold winter nights.

Cllr J Bennett  
Chairman  
May 24