**WESTON COLVILLE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH MEETING CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2021**

I would like to start by welcoming you all to the annual parish meeting. In the last year the council continued to carry out a range of village maintenance and support activities including: -

**Flooding in the village**

A great success has been the progress made by the Parish Council flood prevention working party who created a flood plan for the whole village and is looking for support from riparian landowners and the County Council Highways department to ensure its actions are completed. They successfully applied for an Environment agency grant for equipment to alleviate flooding which is now stored for village use at both Church End and by the Reading Room. Flood wardens have been appointed to deal with any incidents. I would like to thank Councillors Durham, Garrod and Parker for their hard work in delivering this.

**Speeding through the village**

The Council has continued to use the shared speed indicator devices to monitor the speed of traffic through the village. A working party has used the information collected from these devices to determine various measures which could be implemented to reduce speeding in the village. The plan is to use these as a basis for a village consultation on the final proposals. These would then be used to make a Local Highways Improvement grant so any agreed plans can be implemented. I would like to thank Councillors Ashbridge and Hubbard for their work on this.

**Maintenance of Roads and Verges**

The Parish Council implemented its usual verge cutting program and continued to provide street lighting for the village. Progress was also made with getting potholes repaired and gullies and drains cleared. However, there is still more work to be done both at Church End to finish its drain improvement work and on Mill Hill. Despite frequent chasing of the County Council Highways department, we are still awaiting clarification on when this work will be done.

**Grass and hedge maintenance in the village**

The Council continued with its program of grass cutting and hedge trimming around the war memorial, at the Church end playing field and the play area on The Green.

**Play areas**

An annual safety inspection of this equipment has also been carried out by an outside expert to ensure it meets current safety standards with the recommendations he raised implemented alongside all other necessary maintenance work. I would like to thank Councillor Hubbard for carrying this out.

**Annual Budget for the parish**

I am pleased to be able to report there will be no increase in Precept for 2022/23.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking all my fellow councillors and our Clerk for their time and effort in supporting the work and objectives of the council.