



## **Chairman's Report 2023-24**

The most significant issue this year has been the modifications to the Clophill Roundabout. Parish Councillors have spent hundreds of hours at meetings with various representatives of Central Bedfordshire Council trying to mitigate the effects of the additional traffic travelling through the village. Promises were made and promptly ignored. The legacy that the project has created in terms of the increase in traffic through the village has yet to be quantified.

My feeling is that the upgrade of the Clophill Roundabout was cosmetic. It is almost certain that the Clophill roundabout capacity will have to be increased in the next few years to meet changes that have already announced. The pedestrian crossings on the northern and western arms were long overdue.

Councillor Willard and our two Ward Councillors Anna French and Liz Childs will be meeting with Central Bedfordshire Council, English Heritage, and others in the next few weeks to find ways to effectively control traffic flows through the Village.

Council meetings have remained busy throughout this year, and Councillors have had to deal with a steady amount of work. Our two Ward Councillors have worked consistently on our behalf.

The Council has a modest budget to work with. We spend a great deal on keeping the village looking neat and tidy while maintaining a firm control on our financial commitments.

My thanks go out to my fellow Councillors for their continued support and to our Council Clerk who keeps us all up to date and in line.

Cllr. Ian Kelly