

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022**

In April the Secretary of State granted permission for the building the M54-M6 Link Road. I'm sure this came as no surprise, but never the less it was extremely disappointing news. I think as a parish council Hilton worked hard to get our objections across and perhaps we managed to get some changes such as the new fence in Dark Lane. Going forward we will continue to hold meetings with National Highways and the county council to ensure that recommendations in the report are adhered to.

At long last the footpath in Dark Lane has been re-surfaced, it is a great improvement.

It was brought to our attention that weddings are being held at Hilton Hall in a very large marquee, without planning consent. This is now in the hands of South Staffordshire District Council Planning Department. We have put forward our objections.

At Christmas time a gift of chocolates and a Christmas card was made to each household. The feedback seems to have been positive.

It was decided to purchase a commemorative mug to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for every household. These will be delivered next week.

Last year the parish moved to online banking. This has done away with the need for cheques and I'm sure makes life easier for our clerk.

A donation of £350 was made to St. Mary's & St. Luke's Church Shareshill towards the upkeep of the churchyard. A letter of thanks was received.

I would like to thank the Councillors for their attendance and continuing support. Thanks to our clerk Chris Gracey for her continuing work. Also thanks to our County Councillor Bernard Williams and District Councillor Bob Cope for their attendance and their continuing support.

Cllr. Pam Dawes Chairman of Hilton Parish Council