



Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th November Wilderness Scrub](#)

The Council agreed to spend £450 for an agricultural contractor to flail the overgrown scrub along the town drain around the wilderness and along the Green towards the Fenstanton Road.

[Tree Work](#)

The Council approved the category A (urgent) tree work at a cost of £1,988, which is within the budget for these works.

[New Councillor](#)

Clara Robinson has been co-opted onto the Council and the Clerk will complete the induction process.

[Policies](#)

The Council agreed an amendment to their standing orders, a new co-option policy, a pavilion lettings policy and reviewed this years' action plan.

[Swavesey VC Bus Stop](#)



Members of the Council and the Clerk met with representatives from the Cambridge Bus Company and Cambridgeshire County Council Social & Education Transport Department to discuss the safety of students using the Swavesey Village College bus. Over the last 40 years there have been two serious accidents, one of which was fatal, involving students alighting from the school bus and then crossing the Potton Road. Currently, the school bus only stops at Scotts Crescent, which means that all students from the west of the village have to cross the Potton Road to catch their bus. The Cambridge Bus Company has agreed to reinstate the Potton Road stop to enable students from the west of the village to catch their bus without crossing the Potton Road, whilst students from the east of the village can

continue to catch their bus in Scotts Crescent. CCC would like to remind parents that, according to their policy to which parents agreed when they applied for a bus pass, parents are responsible for their children until they are actually on the bus. Therefore, the bus company, Hilton Parish Council and CCC would like to encourage parents to instruct their children to board and alight the bus at the correct stop to reduce the risk of children crossing the Potton Road.

[Local Highways Improvement Funding](#)

The window has opened for this funding and the Council has instructed their LHI working group to draft a proposal for the Council to review at their next meeting. Suggestions include extending the bus stop on Potton Road to enable the buses and coaches to pull completely off the road, increasing visibility and therefore safety, and realigning the carriageway at the crossroads to improve lines of sight and therefore safety.

The Council has also received correspondence from CCC with the designs for the HGV signage approved under last year's bid. The Council has instructed their LHI working group to review these designs and make recommendations.

[Streetlighting Energy](#)

The Council has agreed to enter into a 2-year contract with Yu Energy for their streetlighting energy, at an annual cost of £2,777.94.

[Streetlights](#)

If you see any faulty streetlights and the code on the light begins with the letters PC, please let the Clerk know, ideally with a picture and the code on the light. This can be done via email – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

[Land Registry](#)

Hilton Parish Council has agreed to spend £150 to change their correspondence address with the land registry.

[Fire Safety \(England\) Regulations 2022](#)

The Council has instructed the Clerk to conduct a fire safety risk assessment of the pavilion and report the findings to a future council meeting.

[St Ives Neighbourhood Plan](#)

The Council has delegated the response to this consultation to the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr P. Balicki and Cllr S. Suckling. The draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information is available for viewing on the St Ives Town Council website:

https://www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk/Regulation_14_Consultation_Oct_2023_45793.aspx

[Feast Week](#)

Hilton Parish Council has granted permission for Feast Week on the green from Sunday 21st July to Saturday 27th July, with the marquee erected from Monday 15th to Monday 29th July.

[Bonfire and Fireworks Event](#)

The recent successful event raised £2,051.50 in income, though there will be card charges to subtract from this total. The Council has asked their bonfire working group to review the event and present a report to the February meeting of the Council. (Photo courtesy of Hilton Feast Week)



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2023 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.