



Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7th November](#) [Metal Detectorists](#)

The Council has received reports that metal detectorists have been digging across the Green, including the cricket outfield and square and around the pavilion. The turf has been badly replaced and now presents a trip hazard, so parishioners are urged to take care when walking. They are claiming that they have the permission of the Council, however this is not the case. As their actions constitute criminal damage, this has been reported to the Police and the Clerk has a crime number. If anyone has any further evidence of the perpetrators, particularly video, please pass this information to the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

[Graveley Way Drainage](#)

After the October heavy rains, a parishioner submitted photographs showing the standing water on Graveley Way which took two hours to drain, after the rain had stopped. The Clerk has emailed the National Highways engineer to ask what they can do to resolve this.

[Queen's Green Canopy](#)

The Jubilee Copse has been submitted and approved as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project and uploaded to their map. The Council resolved to formally thank the parishioner who has watered the Jubilee Copse and kept it alive over the summer.

[Woodland Trust](#)

The Council has resolved to apply to the Woodland Trust for a free tree pack to interplant with the Jubilee Copse to support the development of these trees.



[Annual and Emergency Tree Work](#)

The Council has resolved to spend £2,460 for the annual tree work arising from the annual tree report and also the emergency work to the damaged oaks in the Wilderness. The tree report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Daffodils

A request has been made by a parishioner for daffodils to be planted around the outside of the Church wall. The Council has agreed to purchase the bulbs, subject to the agreement of the Church.

Dredging

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to sign the Watercourse Maintenance Grant from Cambridgeshire County Council to fund the dredging of five ponds in the village. They have also resolved to spend up to £1,000 for a contractor to spread the dredged silt over the Green, primarily on the Wilderness.

Dignity at Work

The Council has approved a Dignity at Work policy to comply with their Civility and Respect Pledge.



Local Highways Improvement (LHI) fund bid 2022/23 – 30mph limit on the Green

The Police have responded to the informal consultation regarding this project and their Traffic Management Officer (TMO) is not supportive of it. The TMO has said that the speed data supports retention of the 40mph limit. The TMO does not think that the wide-open space and a simple change of the speed limit signs will result in a reasonable level of compliance without some form of traffic calming to change how the road “looks and feels.” The Parish Council has resolved to proceed with advertising this proposal for formal consultation with the current scope, which will then be decided through the delegated decision process by Cambridgeshire County Council Officers, should a formal objection be lodged.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) fund bid 2023/24

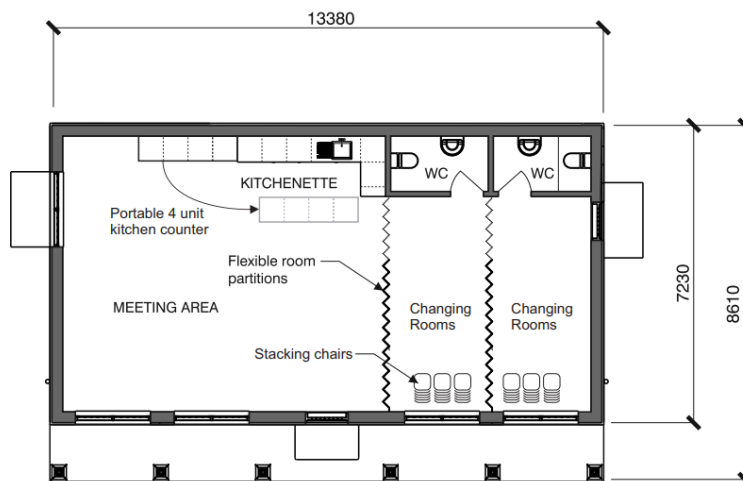
Cambridgeshire County Council has changed their LHI process and there are now two streams of funding, simple and complex. They have also increased the cost of the raised table feature from £11,500 to £35,000. The Parish Council working group are going to meet this month and present a recommendation to the December PC meeting. The new deadline for applications is now January. Parishioners can find out more details on the CCC website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding>

Health Inequalities Project

The initial payment of £2,500 has been received from Huntingdonshire District Council. The Parish Council has resolved to approve a survey to be sent to all properties in Hilton to begin to identify the need to be addressed through this project. It will also be published on the website and linked to Facebook.

Pavilion

Hilton Parish Council has agreed the specifications for works to the Pavilion in two stages and has authorised the Clerk to obtain quotes through the contracts process. The Council has also authorised the Clerk to prepare the grant application pack for the FCC Communities Fund for the March grant deadline from the Landfill Communities Fund, providing the quotes are received.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN - PROPOSED

High Street Verge

The Council approved the request from a parishioner to extend the kerbstone along the verge/path outside Dunadry and refurbish the gravel path at their cost, subject to the necessary permissions from the County and District Councils and restricting the gravel to the pea gravel used across the Green.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Making Connections 2022 consultation

The Council will respond to this consultation. Parishioners can also respond and the survey, plus information about the proposals, including maps, frequently asked questions, dates of public meetings and ways you can share your thoughts can be found here:

<http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022>

Thermal Imaging Camera

The Parish Council received a suggestion that it could organise a thermal imaging camera to assist parishioners in identifying areas of their home where there is heat loss. If there is sufficient interest, the Parish Council will organise a co-operative project for parishioners to hire a camera, at the parishioners' shared cost. If you would like to be involved in this project please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

Hilton Summer Ball

The Council agreed to the request from the Hilton Summer Ball Committee for permission to hold an event on Friday, 21 July 2023 in the marquee on the Green.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th December 2022 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.