

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 2nd December 2019

Precept

The Parish Council resolved to increase their precept to £30,600 (from £28,600), an increase of £2,000 or 7%. This increase was due to the cost of employing a handyman to maintain the village assets and the increase in the cost of the street lighting energy due to the devolved responsibility from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Diffusion Tube Analysis

The Parish Council resolved to continue with the diffusion tube analysis to monitor the nitrogen oxide levels. This information will be used by the Hilton Traffic Group to evidence the effect of the volume of vehicles going through the village.

Signage at the Ford for cyclists

Hilton Parish Council has been working with Cambridgeshire County Council to agree upon signage to direct cyclists away from the ford due to the current slippery surface. The Parish Council have expressed their support for improved safety at the Ford and resolved to permit a sign to direct cyclists down The Grove.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to respond to this consultation and request that traffic movements related to this plan are routed away from the village.

Bonfire Night

Due to a rather wet evening, the gate takings were a little down on previous years but the night was a success and Councillors thanked the volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. At the request of a parishioner the bonfire was relocated prior to lighting to protect hibernating animals but the only animal found was a toad!

Playground

The installation of playground, fencing and landscaping is now complete, and the playground has passed its safety inspection. The Parish Council resolved to hold the playground opening event on Sunday 15th December 2019.

Post Meeting Update

New Hilton Village Play Park now open following official launch



Hilton children are celebrating following the opening of a new village Play Park.

The Hilton Play Park is officially up and running following a launch party at the facility in Grove End on Sunday 15th December. The ribbon was cut by Pat & Alan Cockwill who were involved in the previous playground in 1982.

New play equipment including swings, slides and climbing structures are included at the new facility which was funded by a £52,901 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

Graham Barradell, Chair of Hilton Parish Council is delighted that the project is now in use.

He says: "This vital facility is going to make a real difference to those who use it, as well as the wider Hilton community. We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, FCC Community Foundation's senior grant manager, says: "It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to children and families across Hilton. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities, and this is a great example of what can be achieved."

For further press information please contact clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com (Nicola Webster, Clerk to Hilton Parish Council).

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd February 2020 in the 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.