

# Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights were installed at the cricket pavilion by volunteers and initial feedback from parishioners has been positive.

## Parish Council Email Addresses

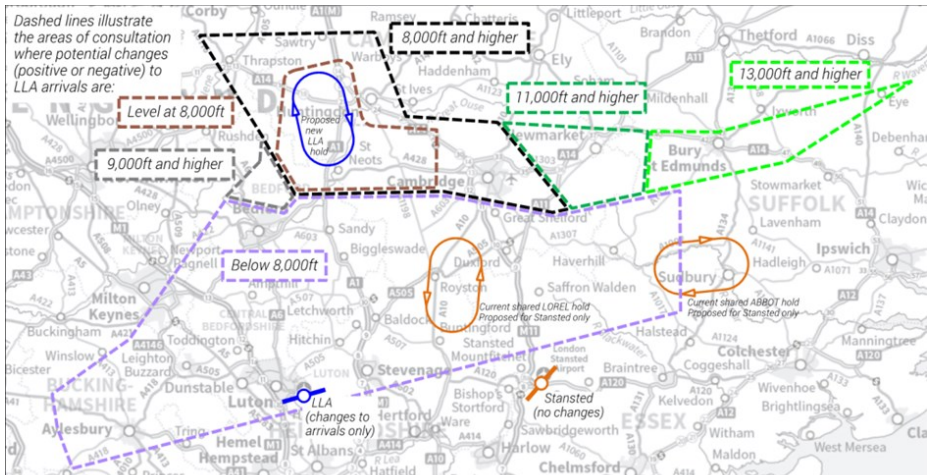
Councillors agreed to use their parish council email addresses for all PC business, in line with GDPR and the Freedom of Information legislation. Councillors email addresses can be found on both the council website ([www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)) and the noticeboards. The Clerk's email address remains unchanged – [clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com)

## Green Open Spaces

The Council resolved to spend £2,380 for the necessary annual tree work across the village. A copy of the tree report is available on the Council website in the supporting documents for the December meeting. The Council also agreed to spend £600 planting a small copse of trees on the north side of Wraggs Row, at the entrance to the Wilderness. The Council have agreed to purchase the materials required to improve the surface of the car park at the village hall, at a cost of £168. This work will be carried out by volunteers.

## Hemingford Grey Quarry Reopening

The Clerk has contacted the operator of this quarry who has advised that the majority of the vehicles to/from this quarry will be using the A1307. They have kindly agreed to commit to putting in a standing instruction that any trucks that travel through Hilton are requested not to exceed 20mph whilst traveling through the village.



## London Luton Arrival Routes – NATS Consultation

A public consultation has been launched as part of a proposal to change the arrival routes into London Luton Airport. This proposal is jointly sponsored by London Luton Airport and NATS (Air Traffic Control). Currently, Stansted and Luton airports share arrival holds and routes. The 'AD6 arrivals change' proposal will separate the arrival flows for the two airports and establish a new hold for Luton traffic. This consultation is an opportunity for residents to help shape that proposal.

As the proposed flight paths are to the south, there is likely to be little impact in Huntingdonshire. However, the plans also include a new holding pattern for the airport which is intended to be over the south-western corner of Huntingdonshire (broadly circling round the line of the A1 from St Neots to Alconbury). The intention is that aircraft in the holding zone will be flying at a height of over 8,000 feet and the consultation document sets out a position that this will not present a nuisance, either in terms of noise or pollution. NATS stakeholder mapping indicates that Hilton may be affected by this proposal.

This consultation will run until 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The formal consultation website can be accessed at [https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6\\_luton\\_arrivals/](https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/)

Further information can be found within the Virtual Exhibition, in which there are videos, banners, downloadable materials, and a postcode look up tool. Individuals can also sign up to live webinars through the virtual exhibition.

Hilton Parish Council have written letters to several stakeholders on this matter and will be formally responding to this consultation after their meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Copies of these letters are on the parish council website.

Hilton Parish Council would like to urge parishioners to respond individually to this consultation and also to write to their MP, Jonathan Djanogly, expressing their concerns.

### **Google Maps**

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a parishioner that Google Maps and other navigation applications are directing traffic through Hilton as the fastest route from St Ives to the A1 south and the A14 west. Hilton Parish Council has instructed the Clerk to write to Highways England, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to ask whether this was an expected outcome of the A14 southern bypass and what their organisation intends to do about it.

### **A14 Traffic Modelling Review**

As part of the planning for the A14 southern bypass, local traffic modelling was carried out in Hilton in 2015 with the assurance that this modelling would be reviewed once the scheme was opened. Hilton Parish Council has resolved to write to County Councillor Ian Bates to ask for his help in ensuring that this modelling review is carried out.

### **Equals Corporate Card**

The current prepaid MasterCard used by the Council has introduced a monthly fee, so the Council have resolved to switch to the Equals Corporate Card which has no monthly fee.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 via Zoom. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com). Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.*

### **Petition to achieve a 24hr HGV Ban on B1040**

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to distribute a petition to all households in Hilton to illustrate the support within the village for a 24hr HGV ban on the B1040. This will be used to support the current LHI (Local Highways Improvement) bid for funding for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prohibit HGVs from the B1040 through Hilton. Post-meeting note: the response to the petition has been fantastic.

### **Census 2021**

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to promote Census 2021 on their website and Facebook page. For the first time this will be a digital-first Census, but paper copies will be available for those who need it. Help will be available for people who need support to take part online or need translations, through a public contact centre. Accessible options are also available.

You can find out more on the census website – [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

### **Slow Ways Initiative**

Hilton Parish Council has passed a formal resolution to support Slow Ways, which is a project to create a network of walking routes. Further information can be found on their website: [www.slowways.uk](http://www.slowways.uk)