



Hilton Parish Council

Happy New Year to all parishioners!

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th December](#)

[Path between the Church and Church Lane](#)

The Council has resolved to resurface this path with tar and chip at a cost of £2,050 +VAT.

[Jubilee Copse](#)



Posts have been placed to mark the location of the trees for the Jubilee copse and it is anticipated that these trees will be planted over Christmas. The Council has resolved to purchase a commemorative plaque made from European Oak at a cost of £37.50 +VAT.

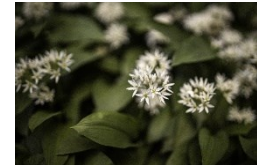
[The Maze](#)

The gaps between the path of the maze are gradually shrinking as the grass is spreading and so the Council has resolved to authorise the contractor to recut the maze to bring the grass walkways back to the English Heritage recommendation of 18 inches, at a cost of £675.

[Bulbs in the Grove](#)



The Parish Council has granted permission for the Community Garden Group to plant British bluebells and wild garlic in the Grove.



[2021/22 LHI bid for a 24hr HGV ban on the B1040](#)

Hilton Parish Council submitted a statement to Steve Cox to state that it wholeheartedly supports its request for a 24hr ban on HGVs through the village as there is a much more suitable alternative route and that the village has been blighted by HGVs and this statement was published on the PC website. The Clerk and Chair authorised a leaflet for each household advising them of the consultation regarding this traffic regulation order application and inviting them to comment by the deadline of 17th December. Information was also published on the Council's website and Facebook page.

[Budget and Precept](#)

The Parish Council has agreed their budget for the 2022/23 financial year and also the precept amount at £31,550, which is an increase of £950 or 3.1%. A copy of the budget can be found on the website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

[A428 Development Consent Order Issue Specific Hearings](#)

Cllr Peter Balicki spoke at the Issue Specific Hearing number 5 regarding highways and traffic to request that all construction traffic for the A428 development is routed away from Hilton. The Council resolved to write to the Planning Inspectorate to reiterate the points made in this meeting.

[2022/23 LHI bid for improvements to the surface of the Ford and 30mph limit across the Green](#)

The Council has received correspondence from the Highway Maintenance Manager stating that the improvements to the surface of the Ford are the responsibility of the County Council and therefore should be removed from the LHI bid. He is looking into options to reduce the slipperiness of the surface of the Ford and will liaise with the Parish Council in the new year. Consequently, the Parish Council resolved to remove this element from their LHI bid which is now for a 30mph limit across the Green only.

[Outline planning application for 16 houses on Church End, west of Wychwood \(20/00164/OUT\)](#)

Hilton Parish Council has appointed solicitors to establish whether there is a case for a judicial review regarding this application and has approved expenditure of up to £1,000 +VAT for this purpose.

[Dog Mess](#)

There are still reports that dog mess is being left on the Green and also around the wider village. Hilton Parish Council would like to remind all dog owners and walkers to pick up after their dogs and to utilise the proper bins provided at the entrance to the Wilderness, opposite the Village Hall and opposite the Cricket Pavilion and also Tithe Lane, near the bus stop on Potton Road, Scotts Crescent, outside the Shop and near the Church.

[Litter](#)

There are also disappointing reports of litter being left on the Green, particularly near the football goal posts. Please act responsibly and take your rubbish home with you or utilise the above-mentioned litter bins.

[20s Plenty for Cambridgeshire](#)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it supports 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire's aim for wide-area, default signed 20mph limits for this Parish and across Cambridgeshire. Further information can be found on their website - www.20splenty.org. Councillors would also like to ask residents to do their bit and travel through the village at 20mph. The Council purchased wheelie bin stickers for parishioners to display. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a wheelie bin sticker – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 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.