

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 3rd February 2020

Playground

The invoices for the playground have now been paid and the final instalment for the grant has been approved and the payment has been received.

A need was identified in the safety inspection for a sign at the playground which complies with BS EN 1176 part 7 and the Clerk has obtained quotes for compliant signs. The Council resolved to spend up to £250 on such a sign and Cllr Kieron Dunk has offered to design the artwork.

The Council also discussed the request for a litter bin at the playground and have instructed the Clerk to contact Huntingdonshire District Council to establish whether they will provide a bin and what the cost will be.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Funding Bid

At the extraordinary meeting of Hilton Parish Council on Monday 20th January, the Council resolved that their LHI bid was for a feasibility study to investigate the removal of the B1040 from the Galley Hill roundabout to the Papworth Roundabout through Hilton from the Cambridgeshire County Council's Advisory Freight Map as a local route. The long-term effect of this solution is intended to reduce the number of heavy commercial vehicles (HCVs) travelling through the village on the Potton Road. The supplementary information for the LHI bid has been submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council. The meeting with the LHI decision making panel was attended on Monday 3rd February by Cllr A. Goodridge, Lisa Millard of HGV Watch and the Clerk to Hilton Parish Council. The Council is now awaiting the decision regarding the LHI bid, which is expected after the County Council Committee Meeting on 10th March.

Siltex

The Siltex was applied to Reeves Ditch on 7th January. Parishioners may notice that there is white powder on the ground, that the pond looks 'scummy' or there may be large black 'blobs' floating on the surface. This is totally normal and will dissipate as the Siltex does its job and the pond settles.

Ivy Cutting Working Party

There was an ivy cutting working party on Saturday 11th January. Several volunteers came and their help was greatly appreciated.

Tree Work

The Green Open Spaces Group are going to have a tree cutting session and the tree surgeons have been instructed to carry out the agreed works.

Policies

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to adopt several new or updated policies. Copies of these policies are available on the website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) or you can contact the Clerk.

Budget

The Council have now agreed the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year and a copy of this budget is available on the website.

CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) Training

The Council have resolved to pay for the Clerk to attend this training.

Hilton Ball

Hilton Parish Council resolved to grant permission to the Hilton Ball Committee to hold the Hilton Ball on 17th July 2020 in the marquee on the Green.

Easter Cross

The Council also granted permission for the Easter Cross to be put on the Green from Friday 10th April until Tuesday 14th April.

Website Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 in accordance with The Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Council discussed these new regulations and have instructed the Media Working Group to examine these guidelines and draft a plan for the Council to review.

Cambridgeshire Local Council's Peer Learning and Networking Event on the Local Council Award Scheme organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

The Council resolved to send the Clerk to this event.

Potholes

Councillors raised the issue of the many potholes in the village and would like to remind parishioners that anyone can report potholes to Cambridgeshire County Council on their website:

highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 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.