



Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council dated Thursday 20th January](#)

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

Hilton Parish Council resolved that they will not spend £3,500-£4,500 on advice from a barrister. The cost of a full judicial review is a further £30,000-£35,000 and there was not sufficient support for this action to crowdfund this amount of money.

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7th February](#) [Village Sign](#)

The refurbishment of the village sign has been completed and the sign is back in its rightful place. Photographs of the restoration process have been published on the website and Facebook. The Chairman thanked Cllr Kieron Dunk for his hard work restoring the sign.

[The Ware](#)

The agreed works to improve the bank of the Ware have started and Highways England has advised that these works will take up to three weeks. The Parish Council discussed the works required to cut back the excessive growth on the far bank of the Ware, which may incur some additional expenditure. This will be discussed at a future meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Riparian owners of the Ware (those properties to which the Ware forms a boundary) to advise them of the work that the Parish Council intends to do to the Ware and remind them that it is their responsibility to maintain this bank in the future.

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

There were 122 responses to the consultation regarding this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), 121 in favour and 1 objection. The Chairman thanked those parishioners who responded to this consultation. Correspondence has since been received from Community RoadWatch, who objected to this TRO, to state that they would withdraw their objection. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to Community RoadWatch to state that the Council does not support their views but thanks them for retracting their objection. The decision meeting is due to be held on Monday 14th February at Cambridgeshire County Council.

[2022/23 LHI bid for a 30mph limit across the Green](#)

Hilton Parish Council has received and approved the feasibility study for this proposed speed limit reduction. The Council has also approved the expenditure of £757 for their contribution to this project. The Council appointed Cllr Peter Balicki and Cllr Sarah Suckling to speak on its behalf at the LHI panel meeting on Monday 28th February. Cllr Peter Balicki,

Cllr Graham Barradell and Cllr Rob Collard were appointed to write a 500-word document in support of this bid.

[Parking on Church Lane](#)

Parishioners have presented the Parish Council with information regarding the congested parking situation in Church Lane. The councillors sympathised with the problem faced by these parishioners. The residents' suggested solution is to provide an easement over the green area in Church Lane to allow residents to convert their front gardens to driveways. This land is owned by Huntingdonshire District Council. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to District Councillor David Mead and ask him to help our parishioners with this issue.

[Internal Auditor](#)

Hilton Parish Council appointed the CAPALC internal auditor service to carry out their internal audit with an authorised expenditure of up to £200, including expenses and mileage. Any additional expenditure must be agreed by the Council.

[Website Domain](#)

Hilton Parish Council resolved to renew their website domain at a cost of £11.73+VAT.

[Jubilee Events](#)

Hilton Parish Council granted permission to both the Hilton Village Hall Management Committee and the Hilton Feast Week Committee for the use of the Green and the Pavilion for their Jubilee events.

[Street Lighting Maintenance Contractor](#)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to renew their street lighting maintenance contract with K&M Lighting Services Ltd for a further three years.

[Annual Parish Meeting](#)

The Chairman will convene the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28th March in Hilton Village Hall. Further information will be available on the noticeboards and website nearer the time. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a meeting of the Council but is a meeting of the electors of the Parish. The Chairman will report on the activities of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer will provide a financial report. Other village groups are welcome to present a report on their activities. If you are involved in a village group and would like to present a report to the meeting, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

[Parish Council Elections](#)

Elections are due for both District and Parish Councillors and will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022. If you would like further information about becoming a Parish Councillor, or about the election process, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Are you interested in improving the lives of the people of Hilton? Do you care about our community and our village? Then read on...

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to their electorate and best placed to serve local communities. They are local authorities created by statute and can only act where there is an express power or duty. Parish Councillors are elected to this role every four years, after which the Parish Council has the power to co-opt any person or persons, meeting the statutory requirements, to fill the vacancies

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination – AND –

Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen – AND –

Meet at least ONE of the following FOUR qualifications:

- A local government elector (on the electoral roll) for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination
- You are an owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish for 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
- Your main or only place of work during these 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish
- You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

But the Parish Council is just a talking shop, they don't actually do anything...

Have you been to a meeting, or are you basing your judgement on the Vicar of Dibley...?

Parish Councils have varied responsibilities, including (but not limited to...):

- representing the local community interests, for example, by commenting on planning applications
- supporting local organisations and activities, for example with grants
- providing amenities, such as streetlights, bus shelters and public seats
- control of litter, recreational grounds and playing fields and children's play areas
- looking after green spaces, common land and footpaths

Hilton Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month, except January and August. The various committees meet on an ad hoc basis. They normally meet in either the Village Hall or Methodist Church.

But I'm too busy...

Full Council meetings only occur 10 times a year and last a maximum of 3 hours. There are other committees to join if you want and papers to read but the average time commitment is only 2 hours a week.

But I haven't lived here for long, and I don't know the area well...

As a newcomer, your viewpoint will be more objective, and your opinions will be welcomed. What better way to get to know your community?

But I'm concentrating on my career...

Being a Parish Councillor is a great thing to have on your CV – it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive.

So now that there are no more excuses, here is why you should think about becoming a Parish Councillor.

As a Councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of the decisions that you have helped to make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. The role of Councillor includes (but is not limited to):

- Community engagement with parishioners and action groups
- Suggesting new initiatives
- Setting the budget
- Ensuring the views of the community are put to the relevant councils or organisations

All new Councillors receive an induction from the Clerk and there is a budget to send all Councillors on training delivered by our County Association (CAPALC).

If you would like further information (or know someone who would be interested) please contact Nicola Webster, Clerk to Hilton Parish Council on 830605 or clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

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