



# Hilton Parish Council

## [Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April](#) [County Broadband](#)

Hilton Parish Council received a report from Matthew Briggs of County Broadband. He advised that Hilton has been earmarked to get full-fibre broadband built in our community. This is being provided by County Broadband who are funded by Aviva Investors and the Government's gigabit voucher scheme.

Hilton is one of 21 villages included in the next phase of their rollout. This fibre-to-the-premises technology will allow internet speeds of up to 1000Mbps, with matching download and upload speeds.

The next step is for County Broadband to gauge the level of interest in the installation of this infrastructure. Matthew Briggs of County Broadband will be visiting all of the properties in the village to establish how many people are interested in receiving further information regarding this project. You can also contact him directly on 07538399740 or [Matthew.briggs@countybroadband.co.uk](mailto:Matthew.briggs@countybroadband.co.uk). In order for this project to proceed to the next stage, 40% of the village needs to express an interest. There will also be an online meeting for those that have registered interest on 25th May, and there may be an in-person meeting if there is a need.

Following this, 25% of the village (which is approximately 114 properties) need to pre-order the broadband service with County Broadband in order for them to be able to install the infrastructure. Matthew will be able to provide further details, but packages range from 50Mbps to 900 Mbps.

If you require any further information or would like to express an interest in this project, please contact Matthew.

## [A14 Legacy Works to the Ware](#)

Despite assurances to the contrary, the works to the roadside bank of the Ware have caused an issue with surface water drainage. The Clerk has met with the National Highways engineer who has agreed to install pipes in the wall and dig drainage channels to alleviate this issue.

## [2021/22 Tree Work](#)

The agreed tree work has been delayed by the process of obtaining permission from the Tree Officer at Huntingdonshire District Council. Cllr Ian Stott is continuing to liaise with HDC, but hopefully this work should commence by the end of April.

### [Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event](#)

The Council approved the plans for the Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and have agreed to underwrite this event to a maximum of £250.

### [Whippet Buses](#)

The Council agreed to the request to park buses on the edge of the Green on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to commemorate the anniversary of the relocation of the Whippet coach depot.

### [Funded Ponds Project](#)



Hilton Parish Council has been advised that funding is now available in certain parts of Cambridgeshire for the restoration and creation of clean water wildlife ponds capable of supporting great crested newts. Hilton qualifies for this funding as some of the land around the village is deemed to be especially suitable habitat for bolstering and connecting existing populations of this endangered species.

The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group are seeking local farmers, smallholders, large rural garden owners, and land-based businesses to create and restore more such ponds. If you have a location in mind, please email [ponds@fwageast.org.uk](mailto:ponds@fwageast.org.uk) to receive further information or arrange an informal chat.

### [Bavarian Night](#)

The Council has granted permission for the Hilton Summer Ball Committee to hold a Bavarian Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

### [Disasters Emergency Committee regarding Ukraine](#)

Hilton Parish Council are saddened by the situation in Ukraine but decided that they were unable to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee as their normal donations policy is for donations to remain within the village. The Council would like to encourage parishioners to donate to the DEC.



### [Clerk's Salary](#)

The Clerk was awarded an additional salary point in line with the contract. The Council also agreed to pay the gross amount of £1,000 in full and final settlement for 100 hours in lieu.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in **Hilton Methodist Church**. 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.*