

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4th November 2019

Playground

The installation of the playground is now complete, and it has passed its safety inspection. The playground working group are planning a grand opening event so keep an eye on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

NMU

The final report is available to read on the Parish Council website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com). The Council have resolved that their preferred recommendation is route 2 (via the Hilton Road to Fenstanton). They welcome the opportunity to add ideas and preferences in the detailed design phase to consider the means by which they can reduce traffic speeds, minimising impact on land, cost and disruption. An open meeting is planned for Monday 18th November to discuss the final report and the Parish Council's recommendation and to hear the parishioners' views on these.

Budget and Precept

The Council discussed the budget proposals for the next year and the precept recommendation of £30,600 (a 7% increase). The final decision will be made at the meeting in December in time to submit the precept request to Huntingdonshire District Council.

Policy Group

The Policy working group presented several documents to the Council for approval. These included Terms of Reference for all Committees and Officers and a Disciplinary & Grievance Policy. The Council resolved to appoint an Open Spaces Officer to manage the Green Open Spaces and elected Cllr Ian Stott to this position. Copies of the documents are available on the Council website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) under Documents and Policy.

Maintenance Person

The Council approved the job description for this role and has begun the recruitment process.

Tree Report

The Council discussed the tree report and the relevant quotes from three contractors. They resolved to apportion the work in accordance with the recommendation of Cllr Ian Stott.

Street Lighting Energy

The process of handing over the responsibility for the energy supply for the Parish Council owned streetlights from Cambridgeshire County Council to Hilton Parish Council is on-going. The Clerk has obtained MPANs (Meter Point Administration Number) from UK Power Networks and a selection of quotes from a variety of energy providers. The Council resolved to enter into a 4-year fixed price contract with Opus Energy which afforded the best value for money but is still a significant increase on the current annual invoice.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to become a supporter of CAPASP. This means that they will receive scam alerts which will be communicated to parishioners via the website and Facebook page. There are also a variety of resources available on the CAPASP website:

www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/capasp/

Bank Account

The Council have successfully completed the transfer of their accounts to Unity Trust Bank and will now be able to make payments by BACS.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd December 2019 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.