



Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4th October](#) [Green Open Spaces](#)

Cllr Ian Stott, in his capacity as Tree Warden, has completed the tree survey with one tree surgeon and is organising to do so with two other contractors. He reported that the trees that were down in Tithe Lane were cleared by a volunteer group. Concerns have been raised by a parishioner with regards to the silt levels in the ponds in Graveley Way, but this is expected to wash away once the water levels rise. The Green Open Spaces working group has drafted a new maintenance tender document which was agreed by the Council with some minor amendments. This will now be advertised on both the PC website and the Government's contracts finder website and companies invited to quote.

[A14 Legacy Project](#)

The Council has agreed the design of the works to improve the banks of the Ware in Graveley Way. Steel posts will be driven into the bed of the Ware approximately 1.5m from the road and concrete gravel boards installed. These gravel boards will be capped with timber and then infilled with soil and seeded upon completion. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department at the County Council to obtain permission for these works.

[Works to the Ware](#)

The Council has received complaints from parishioners with regards to the state of the far bank of the Ware in Graveley Way. Technically, this bank is the responsibility of the Riparian owners whose properties back onto the Ware. As a one-off, the Council has authorised an expenditure of up to £270 to appoint a contractor to improve the condition of this bank.

[Diffusion Tubes](#)

As the Council now has three years' worth of data regarding the levels of nitrogen dioxide on Potton Road, they have decided to discontinue the diffusion tubes at this time.

[Zoom Account](#)

Unfortunately, due to the current legislation, the Council and its committees are unable to meet remotely so the Council has resolved to cancel its Zoom account.

[Draft Budget and Precept Request](#)

The Council considered the proposed budget and precept request of £31,550 (increase of £950 or 3.1%) and resolved to defer this until further information is received regarding the cost of the new maintenance contract.

[Informal Discussion with Councillors](#)

Two Councillors will be present in the village hall for 30 minutes prior to each full Council meeting, on a rota system. This is to give parishioners the chance to speak informally to a Councillor about any matter. This will initially be for a trial period of 6 months. Parishioners are still welcome to speak on an agenda item during the public participation session of a Council meeting.

[Bus Shelter Roof](#)

The supporting beam of the bus shelter roof is deteriorating, and the Council resolved that the Maintenance Person will establish what materials are required and carry out work to secure the roof.

[Dog Mess](#)

There are increasing reports that dog mess is being left on the Green and also reports that bagged dog waste is being put into homeowners' private wheelie bins. 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.

[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](#)



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Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it supports 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire's aim for wide-area, default signed 20mph limits with public engagement for this Parish and across Cambridgeshire's urban and village settlements. 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 has resolved to purchase 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 1st November 2021 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.

HILTON Fireworks & Bonfire



Saturday 6th November
£3 per adult, £2 per child
Under school age free
Gate opens at 6pm
Fireworks start at 7pm

Food and drink available
courtesy of Hilton Feast Week



Please, no sparklers. Light up toys will be available to purchase.

Parking is restricted so please consider walking.

In the interests of safety please do not drive up Wraggs Row.

Combustible bonfire donations will be accepted from Hilton residents on Saturday 6th November from 9am to 1pm.

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