

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7th October 2019

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The final report has been received by the Council and the working group are reviewing the information to advise the Council regarding the next steps.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group are still looking for more volunteers who will need to undertake training at Police HQ (Huntingdon). Speedwatch provides the Police with valuable data regarding speeding vehicles which enables them to assess the scale of this major issue within our village. For more information please visit our website, www.hiltonparishcouncil.com or contact the Clerk.

Playground

The installation of the playground equipment is almost complete. The turf has been laid and the rubber matting laid over it. The turf will need some time to establish and knit around the matting. The fencing is due to be fitted in late October and the Council has approved the expenditure for a new wooden gate. Please note that the playground is not open at this time and has not been certified as safe so the Council would like to request that all parishioners stay outside of the safety barriers.

Policy Group

The Council's Policy Group have reviewed the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations in accordance with the model documents from NALC (National Association of Local Councils). The Council have approved and adopted these documents and they are available on the Council's website.

HGV Watch

Several members of the local HGV Watch attended the recent Council meeting to request that the Parish Council meet with them to discuss the possibility and process of extending the HGV ban on Potton Road to 24 hours. Representatives of the Parish Council's Traffic Group will meet with HGV Watch to look at the available options.

External Audit Report

The external audit report has been received from PKF Littlejohn and is available to view on the Council's website or by contacting the Clerk.

Car Scheme

The Clerk has investigated the details of a car scheme and has been advised that Hilton is covered by the St Ives Volunteer Centre and Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport. If any Parishioners would like to volunteer for these services, please contact them directly or contact the Clerk.

Reeves Ditch

The Council has approved the application of Siltex to Reeves Ditch. Siltex is a chalk-based material which will reduce the amount of organic matter in Reeves Ditch and improve the water quality.

A14 Borrow Pit 3

The Council have received the draft plan for converting the borrow pit near the B1040 bridge over the new A14 to a nature reserve. The Council responded to the consultation to state that they were generally in favour of the plans but would like clarification regarding the ownership of the site and its long-term future.

Tree Report

The Council have received the tree report detailing the necessary works to the trees in the village. The Council are obtaining the relevant quotes for this work.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th November 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.