



Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th September 20/00164/OUT Outline planning application for 18 houses on Church End, west of Wychwood](#)

This application went before the HDC Development Management Committee (DMC) on Monday 23rd August. Cllrs Balicki and Barradell spoke on behalf of the Council and this application was refused by the DMC.

[Community Book Exchange](#)

This is now open in the Church and has been advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards.

[Youth & Community Co-ordinator](#)

Steph Webb, Youth & Community Co-ordinator, made a presentation to the Council with regards to her role and her department which is for 0–19-year-olds. She detailed the two grants currently available, a £500 covid-enabler grant and the £1000 Community Reach Fund for a longer-term project such as a Youth Club or Youth Council. Hilton Parish Council would like to invite parishioners to come forward if they would like to set up a youth club in the village and the Parish Council will refer them to Steph. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

[Local Highways Initiative Bid 2022/23](#)

Hilton Parish Council's bid for the LHI scheme is to reduce the speed limit across the Green from 40mph to 30mph and to request improvements to be made to the surface of the Ford. The Parish Council's contribution to this bid will be £2,000.

[Burial Space in the Churchyard](#)

The Council discussed the limited burial space remaining in the Churchyard and formed a working group of Cllrs Balicki, Barradell, Stott and Suckling to discuss this issue and liaise with the Parochial Church Council.

[Plaque to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#)

Hilton Parish Council has previously agreed to dedicate the copse of trees to be planted north of Wragg's Row to commemorate the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee. The Council has resolved to install a plaque at the copse which will be designed by the Green Open Spaces working group.

[Bench near to Wilderness bridge](#)

Hilton Parish Council has been offered a generous donation from the Hilton Rural Wildlife and Conservation Group to re-install the missing bridge that used to be on the football pitch

side of the bridge into the Wilderness. The Council has agreed to gratefully accept this donation and the Green Open Spaces working group will select the design of the bench and discuss the options for a plaque.

[Path from Church Lane to the Church](#)

The Council discussed the state of this path and asked the Green Open Spaces working group to look at options for resurfacing it.

[NATS Consultation regarding the arrival routes into London Luton Airport update](#)

Hilton Parish Council has received correspondence inviting them to speak at the UK Civil Aviation Authority public evidence session for the Airspace Change Proposal regarding the Swanwick Airspace Improvement Programme affecting arrivals into London Luton Airport. Cllr Peter Balicki will register to speak at the CAA consultation meeting to state that the village has already been blighted by the A14 Southern Bypass and no consideration has been made for the noise implications for the village. The Council has also been corresponding with Jonathan Djanogly MP regarding this matter and resolved to advise him of the actions of the Parish Council.

[Community Gritting Scheme](#)

The annual community gritting scheme is open for volunteers. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to join this scheme. If you have previously volunteered for this scheme and would like to continue to do so, please contact the Clerk to complete the necessary forms.

[Defibrillator on the Pavilion](#)

Hilton Parish Council received a suggestion to install an additional defibrillator on the side of the Pavilion, which would cost about £1500. A parishioner advised that there were grants available for this, but most have been suspended due to COVID. The Council discussed it together with the information from a parishioner that the current defibrillator has only been taken out of its case 3 times and each of these was for an incident west of Potton Road. The Council resolved not to install a defibrillator on the Pavilion.

[Community Garden Group](#)

The Council has approved a request from the Community Garden Group to allow them to drive across the Wilderness 12 times a year to access the Garden. The Council has asked the Group to report back every 6 months to advise how many times they have used this and ask them to please stick to the path.

[Grants and Donations](#)

Hilton Parish Council has agreed the following grants and donations:

- Hilton Community Garden Group - £95 to cover the cost of their insurance
- Royal British Legion - £60 donation
- Hilton WI - £70 to engrave and install two plaques on the new bench next to the Maze.

- Spectrum - £200 donation

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 on collection day. 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.

External Audit Report

The audit of accounts for the year ended March 2021 has been completed and the accounts have been published. No matters were raised by the auditors who stated, "On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met". The AGAR is available for inspection by any local government elector of Hilton Parish either on the website or copies will be provided on request on payment of £2.50 per copy. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy - clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

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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 4th October 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.