



# Hilton Parish Council

## [Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021](#)

### [Face-to-face meeting](#)

This was the first full Council meeting to be held face-to-face in the Village Hall since the expiry of the remote meeting legislation. The meeting was held socially distanced with the windows open in the hall for ventilation. Attendees were encouraged to wear masks and utilise the hand sanitiser provided.

### [New Councillor](#)



Sarah Suckling has been co-opted as a Councillor. Sarah and her husband moved to Fen Drayton in 2000 and then took the leap across the A14 to Hilton in 2009 when they bought a derelict property on Graveley Way. They spent 12 months renovating before moving in and have lived there ever since.

She started her career in the Health and Fitness industry managing corporate health clubs in London. She then stopped to raise her two children who are now teenagers. She was heavily involved in their primary school in Fen Drayton and was on the board of governors for several years with the last two years as Chair. She is now a project manager for a small development company.

She says “I am pleased to join the Parish Council to preserve the uniqueness of the village but to also bring about change where it is needed for the future.”

### Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

The Clerk has passed her CiLCA course and is now qualified.

### Delegated Decisions

Several decisions were made under the Emergency Scheme of Delegation during the period when the Council was unable to resume face-to-face meetings and these decisions were ratified by the Council, including:

- Hilton Parish Council has been registered as an interested party in the A428 Development Consent Order consultation
- Rachel Lawton's tenure as a PC representative to the Town Trust has been extended for 2 years
- The PC insurance has been renewed as a cost of £703.77
- A temporary easement was granted to the Community Garden Group to prepare for their Grand Opening, for which permission was also granted
- A response was submitted to the "Your St Ives" consultation, with reference to the need for a 24hr HCV ban on the B1040
- A new playground sign was commissioned and installed
- Terms were agreed to grant an easement for utilities only to Dunadry, formerly Plot 1 Pecks Coppice.

### Local Highways Initiative Bid Success

Hilton Parish Council were successful in the bid for a Traffic Regulation Order application to prohibit HCVs on the B1040 for 24hrs per day. This application is now in preliminary design and has to go through various stages, as follows:

- Consultation - Following the completion of the design, consultation must be undertaken. This will require obtaining the views of the appropriate county councillor and district / parish councils (where appropriate), the police and the emergency services. The proposal may be amended following consultation.
- Advertisement - This includes the publishing of at least one notice in the local press. The County Council will usually display notices in any roads that are affected and, if it is deemed appropriate, may deliver notices to premises likely to be affected. For at least 21 days from the start of the statutory notice period, the proposal can be viewed at the appropriate district, city or county council office during normal office hours. The notices invite the public to comment on the proposals which must be made in writing to the address specified in the notice during this period. Substantial objections and contentious issues are reported to county councillors.
- Making the Order - Once approved, the Traffic Regulation Order can be formally sealed, and an operational date published. Should substantial changes to the TRO be required following consultation, this may necessitate a new advertisement process. This procedure can take some time to complete, and the advertising and legal fees may be substantial. Once made, it remains in force until superseded or revoked.

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

Applications can now be submitted for the next round of LHI bids, and the deadline is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Hilton Parish Council will discuss and decide upon their bid at the meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### [Committees and Working Groups](#)

The Council ratified the membership of its committees and working groups and the full list can be viewed on the PC website – [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)

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

Hilton Parish Council has received correspondence from NATS to state that they have decided to progress Option One, which means minimal changes from today's flight paths below 5,000ft, and greater dispersion of flights above 5,000ft. The location and orientation of the new holding area near the A1-A14 junction has been adjusted and the lowest standard altitude of the hold raised by 1,000ft, reducing potential noise impacts on the residents of St Neots and Huntingdon.

### [New Town Trust Representative](#)

Malcolm Lynn has been appointed to represent Hilton Parish Council on the Town Trust.

### [General Power of Competence](#)

As it now has a qualified Clerk, Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it meets the eligibility requirements in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This allows Hilton Parish Council to act in any manner as an individual may act, without the need to identify a specific legal power.

### [20s Plenty for Cambridgeshire](#)



# 20's Plenty for Us

...making your place a better place to be

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](http://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](mailto:clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com)

### [Green Open Spaces](#)

The Green Open Spaces working group are reviewing the draft maintenance tender before it is presented to the full Council. The Council adopted the Tree Inspection Regime which can be viewed on the website – [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)

### [A14 Legacy Project](#)

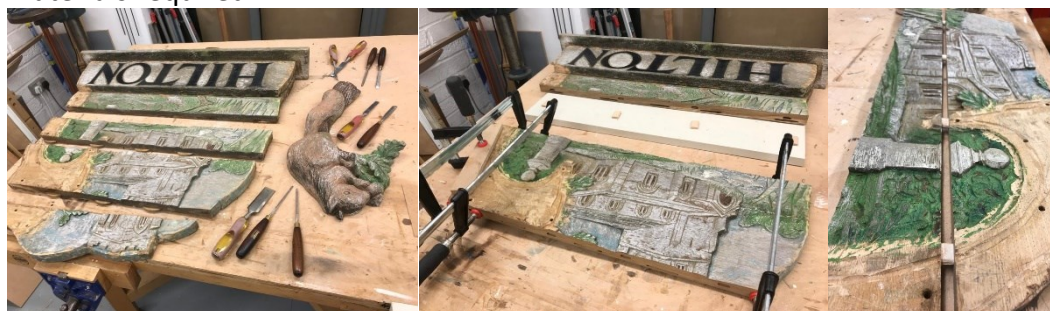
Hilton Parish Council has received the proposed from Highways England for the works to improve the banks of the Ware in Graveley Way. They have requested drawings to clarify the proposed works.

### [Platinum Jubilee](#)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to dedicate the agreed copse to be planted north of Wraggs Row near the entrance to the Wilderness to the upcoming Platinum Jubilee. They have also resolved to support the Village Hall Management Committee with their plans to celebrate the Jubilee.

### [Village Sign](#)

Clr Kieron Dunk has been working to restore the village sign, which has been more complicated than originally anticipated. The Council has agreed to spend up to £75 on the materials required.



### [Playground Inspection](#)

The annual inspection of the playground has been carried out and the minor works advised have been carried out by the Maintenance Person.

### [Cambridge Triathlon](#)

Cambridge Triathlon is due to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Lake Ashmore in Hemingford Grey. Up to 800 participants are permitted but only 300-500 are expected. The cycling route is along the B1040 through Hilton to the Shilpa roundabout and then along the A1198 and return along the same route, so parishioners are advised to be aware of these cyclists when using these routes. Further information can be found on their website – [toughrunneruk.com/events/cambridge-standard-triathlon](https://toughrunneruk.com/events/cambridge-standard-triathlon)

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Hilton Village Hall. 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.*