

Hilton Parish Council

Huntington District Council has launched a consultation on Economic Housing Land Availability Assessment following a call for land sites it carried out in the summer. Five sites around and within Hilton have been suggested, details of which can be found at

<http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/helaa/helaa-10-2017>

The closing date for this consultation is 3 November 2017 and the Parish Council will be holding an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 October 2017 to discuss its response to this consultation. You are able to submit comments to Huntingdon District Council directly on its website.

If you have been unable to attend the meeting and would like to submit comments for the Parish Council to consider please email them to our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

Meeting of the Parish Council on 2 October 2017

Fireworks and Bonfire Saturday 4 November 2017

The annual bonfire and firework display will be held on 5 November 2016 in the Wilderness. Entry to the event, which will commence at 6pm entry will be £2.50 per adult and £1.00 per child. The event will benefit from the donation from the Hutton family.

There will be posters on the notice boards and information on the Parish Council's website.

Update from District Councillor D Dew

Doug Dew advised us that Huntingdon District Council were scrutinising the Local Plan in order that it would be ready for submission next year. He informed us of Government changes to the rules on how housing is calculated and it appears that another 6,000 houses need to be found in the area. This was the first case where the 5 year housing supply target set by Government has not been reached, although according to district council figures it show they have been met. There was perhaps an issue in planning permission being granted but developers not progressing with sites.

The parish Council then received notification from Huntingdon District Council of the new Economic Housing Land Availability Assessment as outlined above.

A14

The Parish Council will continue to advise Highways England of any construction vehicles observed passing through the village. We are asked to report registration numbers, date and time so do please let our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez know if you have anything to report.

Hedge in the Wilderness

Work on cutting back this hedge will take place over the autumn. The reason behind the need for this work is to ensure a wide enough passage is available for agricultural vehicles to stay on the made up lane through the Wilderness.

Trees

Some of the more urgent work required on tree maintenance was agreed and will be undertaken shortly.

Website

The new website is finished, subject to testing which will be undertaken over October with a view to launching the site after the November 2017 meeting.

Installation of 3 tubes to tests Nitrogen Dioxide

The Parish Council has been approached by the HCV group regarding traffic pollution monitoring. It was resolved to agree to the request to install 3 Nitrogen dioxide tubes in Hilton, on the basis that the results will be shared with the Parish Council. These tubes will be in place for a period of 12 months at a total cost for the 12 month period of £292.50.

A14

There are still reports of constructor's traffic coming through the village and the Parish Council remains in contact with Highways England reporting any vehicles reported to our Clerk. The A14 working group will look to meet with Highways England to discuss this matter further.

Buses

Doug Dew advised the Parish Council that St Ives Town Council are looking to liaise with local parishes to assess need and formulate ideas and suggestions to Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the changes made to local bus services following the cancellation of a number of routes. The Parish Council has formed a working group to take matters forward with St Ives Town Council.

Precept

The Parish Council will discuss at the next meeting the proposal from the G=Finance and General Purposes Group to increase the precept by 1.9% in the year 2018/19.

Next Meeting

The next date for the full meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 6 November 2017 at 19:30 in the Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who would like to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the three village notice boards.