

Your Parish Council

What is a Parish Council

A Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government. It can play a vital part in representing the interests of the community and improving the quality of life and local environment.

What does a Parish Council do?

Matters which concern parish councils include: housing; street lighting; playing fields; litter; war memorials; seats and shelters; community safety; rights of way and some aspects of planning and highways.

The job of a parish council is to represent the interests of the whole community and to listen to different views.

Hilton Parish Council

Our Parish Council comprises 9 councillors who serve a four-year term:

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The Parish Council employs a part time Clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer:

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For further information please visit our website: www.hiltonparishcouncil.com or contact the Clerk.



Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2019 7:30pm

Hilton Village Hall

Everyone is most welcome!

Come along and hear about community matters and share your views and ideas.

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Report from the Chair, 2018 -19

The Council

The Parish Council “year” started in May 2018 with an election. We said thank you to Cllr Willie Wilson for his five years of service and welcomed Cllr Laura Chorlton on to the council. The remainder of the nine strong council was unchanged and Cllr Peter Balicki was elected as Chairman for the sixth year in that office.

Jo Perez continued to be Clerk to the council but in December 2018 she resigned from that post after five years in that position. We thanked her for her loyal service to the council and wished her well with her new venture. The process of finding a new clerk occupied the first part of the year and we were pleased to welcome the new clerk, Mrs Nicola Webster, to the council in March 2019. We hope that Nicola enjoys the challenges that this demanding and important role creates.

The council aims to meet on the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall. However, meetings are not held in January and August and the date for the May meeting is moved due to the bank holiday. Agendas are published and advertised in advance of the meeting and are intended to summarise the matters that will be addressed at the meeting. Agendas are put on all three village notice boards and the council’s website.

In addition to the monthly meetings (above) other public meetings may be held and will be similarly advertised by agendas. Planning meetings occur on an “ad-hoc” basis when Planning Applications are received. The council is a consultee in the planning process, along with neighbouring properties and meets to discuss each application. A recommendation is then submitted to HDC, the approving authority. Eleven such meetings were held last year. In addition to Planning meetings, Extra Ordinary meetings can be called to address time sensitive matters. Both these meetings are run in a similar manner to the normal monthly meetings.

At the most recent Annual Meeting of the Council, Cllr Graham Barradell was elected as Chairman and Cllr Kieron Dunk was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Projects

Many matters have been discussed during this year’s monthly meetings and the minutes are presented on the council’s website. In addition, a summarised report is presented in each regular edition of “Spectrum”. Following is a list of the major projects discussed during the year.

A major expenditure has been approved to refurbish the hard **paths** across the Green. The work is planned to start late-May and be completed by mid-June. The Parish Council is in communication with the selected contractor to minimise the disruption and parishioners are asked to take care in the vicinity of the works.

Traffic through the village continues to be a concern. The aspects being discussed are speeding vehicles and lorries breaking the night-time ban. Recent sympathetic discussions with the Police have resulted in a call for more information to highlight the extent of the problem. Volunteers are currently amassing the requested information including night-time surveillance of lorries. The Council continues to be grateful to Mick George Ltd for their voluntary 20mph speed limit.

The **playground** in the Grove is due to be replaced later this year and the new design, covering the same area, can be viewed on the Council’s website. A substantial grant has been secured and this amounts to over £57,000. Additional monies have been received including donations from parishioners ensuring the financial security of the project. The council is very grateful for these donations and at a recent meeting resolved to send letters to all the contributors.

Following work on the new A14 the topic of a **cycle route** to Fenstanton or St Ives has been discussed. All bridges over the A14 feature a path For Non-Motorised Users (NMFU) and the discussion includes how best to connect the villages and paths. A grant was secured to finance a feasibility study which is due to be published in the autumn.

Planning permission for the **pavilion** has been received and the new layout for the existing building can be seen on the village website. Grants are currently being sought to cover the substantial cost of the refurbishment.