

Hilton Parish Council

Meeting held 3rd October 2016

Voluntary 20mph speed restriction

The 20mph speed restriction signs offered by Mick George should be fitted shortly. This is a voluntary initiative offered by the Mick George group and their vehicles should be respecting that speed as they go through the village.

The Parish Council would suggest that perhaps all villagers could follow suit, and limit their speed to 20mph through the village. If we all joined in reducing our speed it may help to reduce the speed of others.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council, are seeking to extend this to a mandatory 20mph speed limit. Further information concerning this initiative will be made available as the situation develops.

Housing Needs Survey

There were 101 responses to the recent survey.

The majority of responders (60%) were not in favour of the further expansion of the village, even a small development of affordable homes specifically for people with a local connection to Hilton. Just 5% of responders indicated that a member of their household had a housing need. These results are almost identical to a similar survey conducted over five years ago.

Once again thank you to everyone who took part.

Parish Plan

The working group has been set up to review the outcomes of the existing Parish Plan.

As mentioned last month the outcomes and recommendations of that Parish Plan are on the Parish Council's website and we invite comment from Parishioners on those.

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Thank you to everyone who attended the exhibition held by Highways England on 29 September 2016. You will have probably noticed the start of works along the roads leading north. Over the first 9 months or so of 2017 the bridges on the 3 routes going north will be completed and then construction of the new southern by pass will commence.

Highways England have applied for blanket road closure notices on these roads to cover the proposed term of the construction project. This means they have to then give 14 days' notice for any proposed road closure. There will undoubtedly be times when these roads are closed during the construction period.

Highways England will be changing their communication strategy for effected communities such as Hilton. In future a customised bus will visit from time to time carrying information on the scheme

and providing updates. We have suggested that perhaps this visits Hilton in the early part of 2017 and will provide further information in due course.

Tree work

Many would have noticed the season for tree work around the village has started and will continue through the winter. The resulting timber will be left for Hilton parishioners to help themselves. As in previous years can we ask parishioners to take just one barrow per household to ensure everyone has a fair share.

Pavilion

This valuable Parish asset is in need of renovation and plans for a proposed scheme are on the Parish Council's website. An estimate of the cost of this work is in the region of £72,000. The Parish Council is now investigating what grants or other types of funding may be available so this work can be undertaken.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 7th November 2016 at 19:30 at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

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