

## **Hilton Parish Council**

The Parish Council trusts you had a good Christmas and wishes you a very Happy New Year.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Please note that the dates for the next 3 meetings are

Monday 25 January 2015

Monday 29 February 2016

Monday 11 April 2016

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 7 December 2015

### **A14**

The next important date in the current planning process is 13 February 2016 when the planning inspectorate have to have submitted their findings to the Secretary of State who then had to make a decision by 13 May 2016.

### **Beacon**

It was agreed that alterations to make this easier to put up and store. The post has been sold and the alterations will be cost neutral.

### **Cricket Pavilion**

A Suggested design for improving the internal layout and external appearance of the Pavilion was presented. This information is available to view on our website [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk)

### **Defibrillator**

A ballot has been held regarding Parishioners views on whether this is required in the village; the results of this will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Ditch Work and Tree Maintenance**

The annual work on the ditches was approved as was some immediate work on 3 trees.

### **Fireworks**

The Parish Council has received a cash gift of £5,000 to be used solely for fireworks over a 5 year period.

### **Flood Precautions**

The Parish Council would like to thank all those that became observers in the “rehearsal” for early flood warnings this month, let’s hope this is not needed for real this year, but we will be ready should it happen.

### **Hilton Village Town Trust**

One of the 2 Parish Council nominated seats on the Town Trust is due for renewal in April. Please contact Mrs Jo Perez, our Clerk, if you would like to be considered for this role.

### **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

#### **Clean for the Queen**

An initiative to “Clean for the Queen” was launched last year in “Country Life” magazine and is supported by many national organisations. The campaign objective is to clean up Britain in time for the Queen’s 90th birthday. The activity weekend is March 4-6.

The parish council is keen to participate in this event and is hoping that sufficient volunteers will be available on the morning of **Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>** to give the village and the surrounding areas, a good spring clean. Details will be available in next month’s “Spectrum” but hopefully you will be able to **reserve this date in your diary.**

[www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk) for details of the national campaign.

#### **Commemorative Tree**

It was agreed that the Parish Council will plant an oak tree to commemorate the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. The suggested site on The Green will allow the tree to be seen when approaching the Lych Gate through the churchyard.

#### **Precept**

Application has been made for a precept of £27,070.00 which is the same as the previous year.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 pm 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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