

Hilton Parish Council

HGV's through the village

We were joined at the meeting by Mr Mick George and the Parish Council thanked him for implementing a voluntary 20mph speed restriction on his vehicles when they pass through the village. This restriction is monitored through the company's in-vehicle systems and driver's performance is checked to ensure they are adhering to their policy.

Once again the Parish Council would encourage all Parishioners to adopt 20mph as a voluntary speed limit when driving through Hilton.

A14 Construction Traffic

Highways England have advised us that they consider any size of vehicle associated with the new A14 route as construction traffic and as such they should not be passing through the village. They would welcome reports of any vehicle not complying with this stated aim.

They suggest that times, description and registration number of any vehicle to be passed to Mrs Perez, our Clerk so that she can forward these details to them. It would also help to have details of which direction the traffic was travelling in.

Vehicles on the Green

Following on from our comments last month it was agreed that the Parish would place a temporary rope around the road side of the Green in an effort to preserve the open nature, reduce the risk of joyriding and maintain the safety of everyone using the open space.

There has been evidence of joyriding with tyre marks across the open space and a couple of more specific instances where a car was abandoned in the middle of the green when it became stuck and where another car crashed in one of the ditches.

We would ask that if you witness anyone joyriding on the green that you record their details and pass them on to our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez @ hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

Parish Plan

The working group will have met on 21 March 2017 for a second open meeting and a third meeting has been arranged for Thursday 6 April 2017 at the Village Hall at 19:30. You should have received a flyer giving details of these dates. This flyer also lists the 28 points outstanding from when the Parish Plan was originally drawn up in 2005.

The working group would welcome your views on what the Parish Council should concentrate on acting upon or whether these points are no longer relevant.

Easter Cross

This will be put up on Good Friday and taken down on Easter Tuesday.

Trees

Annual tree work will take place in March and May this year. Wood from the work will be available for Parishioners to take. As always we would ask you to only take a reasonable amount to allow others a fair share.

The Parish Council also thanks Mike Richards and Lattenbury Services for their work in removing fallen trees following the recent storm.

Agricultural vehicles accessing The Wilderness.

There have been 3 trees felled along Wraggs Row in recent weeks to ensure that agricultural vehicles can use the road rather than having to drive across the Green to get to The Wilderness. The next stage of work is for the hedge on the right hand side of the track across The Wilderness to be cut back. This work should be carried out shortly. It may look unsightly at the outset but the hedge will recover and the cutting back is needed to ensure that modern, wide agricultural vehicles can stick to the track rather than using the field.

Vacancy

Councillor Justo Perez tendered his resignation to the Parish Council who would like to thank him for his hard work and support over the last few years. Notices regarding the vacancy can be found on the Parish Council website on notice boards.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez.

A428

Highways England have announced the launch of consultations on proposed improvements to the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and the Black Cat roundabout. Details of the dates of proposed meetings can be found on the village notice boards or at

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet>

Next Meeting

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 3 April 2017 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.

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

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 May 2017 and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2017. Both meetings will be held in the Village Hall and both will commence at 19:30.