



Hail Weston Parish Council

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What's been happening?

Roads

The Local Highways Initiative (LHI) which resulted in a reduction from 60mph to 50mph on the B645 is mostly complete. Following on from this, last year HWPC started to work on another proposal and were successful in a second LHI proposal.

The Community Plan 2016-2021 originally captured an action to lobby Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) for village speed reduction. The Parish Council have over the years had correspondence about cars travelling at 'inappropriate speeds' in the village and latterly resident correspondence regard to cars 'inappropriately parked' around the village causing obstructions and difficulties residents have with visibility.



The Parish Council have explored several options, consulting with the Police and CCC. The PC were mindful that parked cars provide natural chicanes, often forcing *some* drivers to travel at a slower speed. Also the unpopularity of speed bumps and the need to preserve the attractiveness of the village were important considerations. The Parish Council resolved to apply for some funding from CCC and contribute to a speed reduction in the village to 20mph. This will include a moveable electronic sign for use on both the B645 and within the village. The reduction to 20mph should ensure road users are travelling at a much safer speed which is appropriate. It is hoped that other road users such as cyclists and pedestrians will also benefit, as residents are often forced to walk on the road in

the village due to narrow or non-existent footpaths. The Parish Council presented to a panel of eight and pitched alongside over 50 Cambridgeshire villages so it was great to hear that the proposal had been fully supported and will be delivered 2019/20.

Annual Parish Assembly, March 2019

Read the whole report here:

<https://hailweston.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Parish-Assembly-2019-2.pdf>

Excerpts from Jill's report are below.

"District Councillor Darren Tysoe and County Councillor Ian Gardener do a fab job at keeping Hail Weston Parish Council informed of opportunities to shape consultations and wider county news. I would like to thank them both."

"I would like to remind all residents that the Parish Council meet monthly, except in December. The public are always welcome and may address the council on current matters or issues of concern in the Open Forum, which is always at the start of the meeting. Any matters raised for decision would become a future agenda

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Dog Fouling

Regretfully, despite enhanced facilities (poo bags that are available for emergency use) that have been paid for by Hail Weston residents, the dog fouling situation has been reported as unacceptable by some villagers.

HDC have been alerted (again!) about completing surveillance in the village. Please can the Parish Council take the opportunity to inform all dog owners/walkers that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul and not remove the faeces from any land in the district of Huntingdonshire, unless the owner of the land in question has given you permission not to remove it.

It is a total shame that the attitude and behaviour of the few is giving dog walkers of the village such bad press. The latest dog walking game appears to be to clear up the mess and 'leave the bag' to come back to later.



Playing Field

As a community, we are extremely fortunate to have such a popular playing field that can be used by just about everyone in the village. The sand pit has recently been reinstated and we'll be taking delivery of more sand and play bark for the small play area. Following the annual inspection, a few minor tweaks have been completed, as well as reinstating the willow tunnel. Thanks to all the helpers who continue to make it look fantastic!



Rural Watch

Cambridgeshire Police welcome volunteers stepping forward to support and enhance the work we do in creating safer communities.

If you are over 18 years of age and can offer some of your free time, these unpaid positions offer you the opportunity of gaining valuable skills, training and experience, enhancing your CV and future career opportunities whilst giving something back to your community. No experience is necessary and you will be fully trained and supported.

The current vacancy list and further information can be found by following the link below, <https://www.cambs.police.uk/apply/Jobs/Volunteer>

If you would like further information, or to express your interest in any role please contact us using the email address, PSV@cambs.pnn.police.uk

What's been happening?

In May last year, the Parish Council were approached by the St Nicolas Church Restoration Group to make representation at the Development Management Committee meeting at HDC to support the church restoration plans. The case was discussed at the meeting on Tuesday 29th May and a good number of residents showed their support, by way of a resident's double-decker bus, pictured here! Outgoing Chairman, Tony Baker, Reverend Nicki Bland and HDC Ward Councillor Darren Tysoe spoke influentially enough to disturb the planning committee's thinking. Permission has recently been granted for restoration works to be approved.

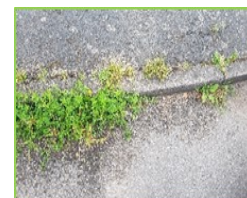


Solar Farm Works commenced in April on the Little Staughton Solar farm. This planning application was approved by HWPC & HDC originally in 2016 and is due to be operational for 40 years. You will have seen that the entrance by Sharpes Barn, Hail Weston has become key to the initial build works. One of the many Conditions attached to granting planning approval was for a project manager to be appointed: to manage vehicle movement, no more than 10 HGVs per day outside of these hours 8.30-9.30am and 3pm-4pm. Access to the site is from the A1 and must be via B645 **not** Ford End.

The site is due to be energised June-August 2019. Despite an indication that the Parish would benefit from a significant amount of money known as 'Community Benefit Payment' in 2016, the rules with regard to subsidies have changed considerably. Fortunately, the PC, despite no obligation to provide such a community benefit from the owner, have been offered a suggested one-off payment of £8,700 if the site is generating electricity in 12 months. Resident input/ideas are always welcome to utilise monies for village benefit.

Please do use this portal to report street cleansing issues from weeds, as shown here, to dog related issues.

https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New_Street_Cleaning_1.html



Richard Braddick, PCSO, recently attended Hail Weston Parish Council Assembly and he enquired if residents were signed up to E-cops.

Register at <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/108/Join>

His contact details are:

St Neots Safer Neighbourhood Team, St. Neots Police Station, Dovehouse Close, St. Neots, PE19 1DS.

Mobile: 07921 094801

Email: Richard.braddick@cambs.pnn.police.uk

What's been happening?

The PC have recently expressed interest in the Ramblers fight to save historic paths. You can download their guide to finding lost rights of way (RoW) below. Also, ensuring signage on existing RoW's are clear for users. The Ramblers campaign is to report lost public rights of ways in our area by 1st January 2026.

[Guide to finding lost rights of way](#)

If you would like to get involved in the hunt for lost rights of way in your area or think you have identified a lost right of way, please let them know at DLYW@Ramblers.org.uk.

As you will be aware, the Council strategy has largely been shaped by the Community Plan 2016/2020. A Summary of Actions were adopted by the Parish Council and all have been completed except for two. The Community Plan was completed by 77% of village residents and was managed and led by village volunteers with Barry Easom as Chair.

The Parish Council have taken advice from various channels to understand the best way forward in continuing a plan that will continue to meet the needs of Hail Weston's residents. The Parish Council have recently been made aware that Huntingdonshire District Council Local Plan 2036 was adopted this month, following several years of consultation. The decision to complete another Community Plan, to run following 2021, or to commence with a Neighbourhood Plan has been much discussed over the last 12 months and is due for Resolving by the Parish Council in the next couple of months. If you have a view, please do share it!

HACT

Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport is a registered Charity in the Hunts area offering door to door service for people who cannot access local bus routes. Several residents will may also be familiar and use the 150 service from Tilbrook to St Neots.

It is a Membership organisation that can provide a ring and ride service and pre bookable scheduled service over 5 days a week. You must be a Member.

Please contact their team on 01480 411114 and request a **Membership Application Pack**.



HWPC have recently been notified that HACT will not be bidding in the forthcoming tender process to offer the 150-bus service from Tilbrook to St Neots. It is anticipated that Members may still access the ring and ride service and scheduled service. It is unknown who may be bidding to the CCC for the 150 service. Further details will be available in June.

3 Shires Security Partnership

The Parish Council have recently received correspondence from the above 'not for profit' enterprise. The service is not a replacement for the police but can provide nightly patrols with both marked and unmarked patrol cars. There are several funding models to match different service levels. The scheme aims to provide a visible deterrence patrolling and responding to immediate resident concerns. More information available here www.3shiressecurity.co.uk. The PC have recently declined to offer precept funding to this scheme at this time, but wished to share with residents in case of interest.

Events

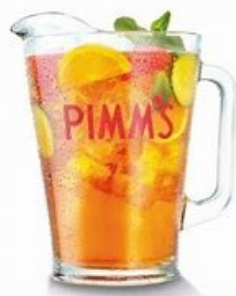
Village Fête

Saturday 29th June
1-5pm

The Biennial Village Fête will be held on Hail Weston Playing Fields.

Dog show, refreshments including a beer tent and BBQ, flying display from the Raptor Foundation, stalls, games and much more.

Please contact Dawn dawn@dawn-isaac.com if you would like to get involved, book a pitch or can spare an hour or two.



Pimms Night

Saturday 13th July

Tickets available to purchase in advance from Mrs Clements.

In aid of St Nicolas Church, Hail Weston.

Cream Teas in St Nicolas Churchyard

Saturday 20th July
Saturday 27th July
Saturday 3rd August
2.30pm-4.30pm

All donations from this event will be used towards church funds.



Neighbourhood Café in the Village Hall

All are welcome to drop into the neighbourhood café, held on a Sunday and Wednesday 3.30-5.30pm (see monthly village newsletter for dates). Friends and family from outside the village are also very welcome. There's not a set charge for drinks and cakes but donations are gratefully accepted for a chosen charity—it is usually something different every month. No change? Don't let it stop you coming to meet old or new friends, just bring extra next time! Suggestions for worthy causes welcome.

At the Parish Assembly recently, Sue and Maurice thanked all the people who help including in the kitchen, with chairs and tables, with cakes etc. plus the Village Hall Committee. Incredibly, Maurice and Sue and their helpers have raised a fantastic £3622 to date, to donate to various charities.

Your Parish Council

Who's who?



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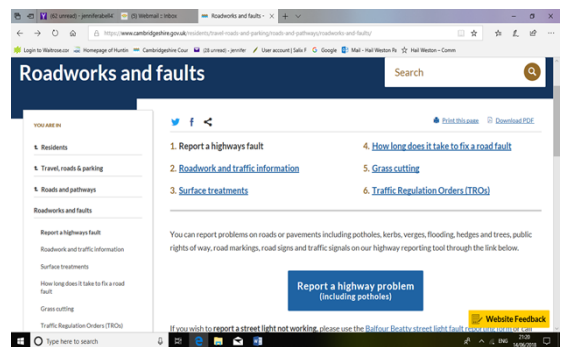
Cemetery

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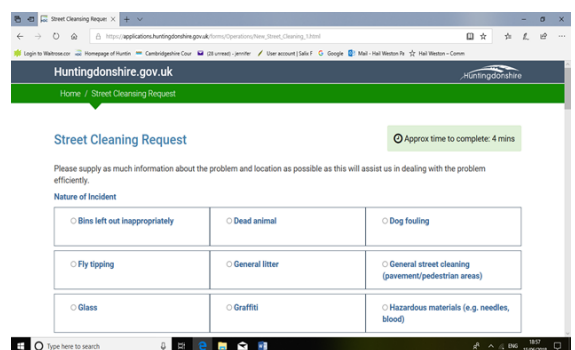
Report it!

The Parish Council is often approached about issues over which it has no control. We don't mind this and are happy to point residents in the right direction or to offer support or advice where appropriate. Here are some routes residents can take to report common issues.

- ⇒ Poor car parking that encroaches and obstructs
What to do... speak with vehicle owner, report to Cambridgeshire County Council or call 101 if a vehicle is blocking access to a property.
- ⇒ Pot holes, roads, pavements & trees on a highway
What to do... report to Cambridgeshire County Council, using their "Report a Problem" service: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>.



- Note that issues with the A1 should be reported to Highways England.
- ⇒ Greenery on private land
What to do... report to the landowner.
- ⇒ Fly tipping in river
What to do... report to the Environment Agency.
- ⇒ Street Cleaning requests including bins left out inappropriately, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, weeds and kerb side sweeping
What to do... report to Huntingdonshire District Council: https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New_Street_Cleaning_1.html.
- ⇒ Playing field, allotments, new Cemetery
What to do... report to Hail Weston Parish Council at a Parish Meeting or contact the Clerk or any Councillor (see Who's Who).



Ian Gardener our Ward Councillor for Cambridgeshire County Council and Darren Tysoe Ward Councillor for Huntingdonshire District Council, are keen to offer support with nuisances or issues and are often in attendance at the start of Parish Council Meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm (except December). There is always an 'open forum' near to the start of the meeting when any resident can speak and address the Council.