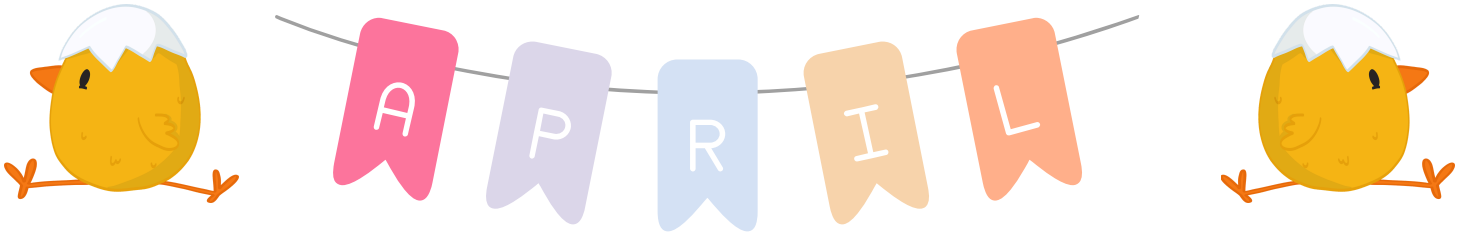
STILTON PARISH COUNCIL



New arrivals ...

- We have a new Pavilion Administrator who is no stranger to the role as she used to be the original post holder. After a few years away, Julie is back in position and will be at the Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am and 1pm to attend to Pavilion enquiries, bookings and viewings. Planning a party or event? Drop by, call 07484 746894 or email pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk



**** Stilton residents receive a 25% discount on hire fees ****

- The Apreece Wildlife Garden is beginning to wake up after the long winter. Take a look too at the new display board that's been put into position (funded through HDC's Biodiversity grant). It's bright, colourful and full of information!



<u>Weekly Food Waste Service</u> (collected with black bins - 30/03, 13/04, etc) Huntingdonshire District Council are now collecting food waste. You can put dairy, bread and pastries, meat and bones, tea and coffee grounds, fruit and vegetables, fish and rice, pasta and beans into your new kitchen caddy and external grey food waste bin.

Good news: we're able to arrange another lorry load of free compost for residents to use this year and will provide further details soon.

- The daffodils have been popping up to create majestic displays around the village and it's great to see the Cemetery and New Churchyard bulb planting has turned out so well. Next up, our Green Spaces Working Group will consider additional areas for a burst of colour or biodiversity boost.



At our March meeting we decided to ...

* Support requests to have new benches in the Cemetery and Apreece Wildlife Garden, and provide Young people Engagement Stilton (YES) with the Community Field for their Children's Summer Event 2026 on Saturday 11 July.

* Request formal quotes for the Barn Close Play Area refurbishment, apply for a National Lottery Grant and use a combination of grant and/or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to fund the new play area.

* Increase the solar battery storage at the Pavilion, following on from the Net Zero Villages grant completion. We'll use £5,190 of CIL money to purchase a further 2 x 9 kWh storage batteries and plan to showcase what has been achieved at this year's Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Full meeting minutes can be found on our website, <u>www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

Contact details ...Email: clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01733 639106
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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES





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WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local (parish and town) council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. These include introducing solar panels, setting up dementia-friendly groups, organising community buses, creating neighbourhood plans, implementing suitable housing, establishing youth projects, managing allotments and open spaces, maintaining footpaths, public seating and litter bins.

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

CAN I STAND FOR ELECTION?

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or
- be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
  An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary

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