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STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Newsletter



The Pavilion is open!

Following relaxation of the lock-down rules the Pavilion is open for bookings once more. We have already had a lot of enquiries, so please contact the Pavilion Administrator, Julie Gillies(email: pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.org) or telephone: 07484 746 894 if you are thinking of hiring the Pavilion in the future.

Visit the Parish Council website where you will find details of booking arrangements.

Plans for the Telephone Box

Now that Stilton has acquired the red telephone box in the centre of the village, we have been canvassing for ideas for how to use it. The majority of replies have suggested a defibrillator station so the Parish Council is now looking into the best way to purchase and install the equipment. Watch this space!



Police liaison

The Parish Council frequently receives complaints about problems in the village. Some of these (e.g. damage to property, unruly behavior, suspicious characters) are really matters for the police.
The police are often aware of local issues but they stress that they need to be informed promptly if they are to act effectively. The police are currently planning to hold meetings with local parish councils to establish better contacts with local communities.
In the meantime if you have a problem, or see one that needs police action, please contact the police as soon as you can to keep them better informed. Dial 999 for emergencies, 101 for non-emergencies.



Councillor vacancy

The Parish Council is still one short of its complement of 11 councillors. If you are interested in working with the other councillors for the benefit of the community please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org or at the Parish Room, Church Street, Stilton, PE7 3RF).

You won't get paid for being a councillor – just the satisfaction of serving your local community!

Play Park Update

Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons, not least problems in obtaining materials, the equipment provider will be installing the new play park a little later than we had hoped. The provider is hoping to begin work mid-August and estimate that it will take two weeks to install.
We know that this is a blow but we also recognise the problems that so many people in this area are having. However, it will be worth the wait!



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

Preparations have begun for the Christmas Fair to held on Saturday 27th November at Stilton Pavilion. We know that lots of you are looking forward to the return of this super event and so are we! We will be contacting all our previous stallholders and welcome applications from any others who are interested. Those of you who have enjoyed previous Christmas Fairs at the Pavilion will know that we have a fantastic number of very talented and creative people in ourmidst.
If you are interested in reserving a stall please contact Julie Gillies, Pavilion Administrator on: 07484746894 Email: pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.org

20's Plenty for Us!

With Speedwatch, the new movable vehicle activated sign (MVAS) and the planned 40mph buffer zone to the north of the village, the Parish Council has taken small but significant steps for better traffic calming in Stilton. Funding from the County Council has helped with these measures and we are looking to bid for further funds in the future.

Following the "20's Plenty for Us" campaign, many towns and villages have introduced 20mph zones to help with traffic calming in residential areas. The risk of injury to pedestrians at 20mph is significantly less than with vehicles travelling at 30mph. Stilton residents are aware of the campaign and the Parish Council has received suggestions for introducing a 20mph zone in Church Street to provide better traffic calming near the school. Members of the Parish Council have discussed the matter with Cambridgeshire Highways. Ironically, average traffic speeds need to be less than 24mph before a 20mph zone will be considered! Fortunately, the MVAS records for Church Street have demonstrated this, so there is a good case for applying for the 20 limit.

In recent times we have had complaints about occasional speeding vehicles in nearby roads, such as Manor Road, Norman Drive and Church Close so we've looked at the possibility for extending the 20mph zone across this area. In our discussions, Cambridgeshire Highways have suggested starting the zone towards the lower end of Caldecote Road and finishing at the High Street/North Street junctions. North Street and High Street were not considered appropriate for a lower speed limit.
There are advantages in using speed limits for traffic calming. They are easy to set up and do not involve expensive road works. They also avoid some of the problems associated with other calming measures such as speed bumps, which can result in additional disturbances from braking/ acceleration noise and discomfort for users of some vehicles.

Before the Parish Council makes a bid for funding for a 20mph zone, we would value feedback from residents for such a proposal. Support from local residents would greatly help our chances of securing the necessary funding and it is important we understand that such measures are what the village really wants. We need your help. Can you tell us what you would like us to do?

Write to the Clerk at clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org
or leave a note in the post box outside the Parish Room on Church Street.