STILTON PARISH COUNCIL: NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023



Welcome to the November 2023 edition of the Stilton Parish Council's monthly newsletter. We have some exciting updates, including a council vacancy, green initiatives, grant news, tree maintenance and more.

Parish Council Vacancy

Do you enjoy contributing to your community and making a difference? The role of a councillor is varied and engaging. One moment, you could be considering a planning application; the next, helping arrange a village event; and the next, pondering how to solve the weed situation. Listening to resident's concerns is a big part of the role too. Our council currently has 10 members and we're looking for one more to enable us to be a full team.

If you're interested, please contact the clerk or attend our next meeting on Tuesday, 14th November at the Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

Green Initiatives

We're proud to announce that Stilton has been chosen for a pilot scheme by Huntingdonshire District Council to increase the biodiversity of our green areas. The first area selected for this initiative is Apreece Way open land.

Residents are invited to share their ideas on how they would like to see the area develop into a better site for animals, insects, bats, birds and humans. Interested in getting involved? Join our Green Spaces Working Group. Just email the Clerk for further details (contact details at the bottom of the newsletter).

We'll be contacting Apreece Way residents soon with an invitation to join our next meeting too.

Good News for Grants

We're excited to share that Stilton Parish Council has been awarded a grant of up £1,743.00, funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, to help us draw up our Neighbourhood Plan.

We also allocate a budget each year to provide grants to local groups. Recently, we awarded £400 to the Twinning Association to help with the recent visit from St Christol and gave £250 to Caresco who provide many opportunities for Stilton residents. See the CARESCO Facebook page or visit the website http://www.caresco.org.uk for more details.

We can also help local groups with our Concessionary rates for Pavilion hire. Local group YES (Young People Engagement Stilton) has been approved for this, and we will provide full use of the Pavilion at a 75% discount rate for the upcoming Christmas Fair on Saturday 25 November from 10am - 3pm. It sounds like it's going to be another brilliant event while raising funds for the younger members of our community.



Tree Maintenance

Did you know that the Parish Council monitors 215 trees in the village? Each tree on public land has a silver tag with a number so that if you have a concern, you can report that tree and we'll point you in the right direction to report the issue.

We're also making some changes too and are in the process of updating our website to make reporting issues easier and more straightforward.

They'll be some changes to our trees too as based on feedback from local residents, we've decided to remove the trees around the Barn Close Play Area. We plan to replace them with more suitable varieties and new plants to enhance the area for local wildlife and residents. The tree removal will take place over the coming months and we will work with local residents to select new tress and shrubs to plant in the coming months.

Barn Close Play Area

We're also working on revamping the play area for under 6's once funding has been secured. We look forward to working with residents to make this a wonderful space for our youngest residents.

That's all for this month's update. If you have any questions or if you're interested in getting involved in any of the initiatives we've mentioned, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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