STILTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - Summer 2023

THE LAST 12 MONTHS ...

This newsletter covers the last 12 months, what's happening at the moment and aims for the 12 months ahead. There will be 'Summer' and 'Winter' editions. Here's a recap of the last 12 months...

KING'S CORONATION

We were awarded a National Lottery Community Grant for £4,200 and with a team of volunteers headed up by Tianda Woolner, provided a day of fun, food and music at the Pavilion.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan was started. This will set out how you would like to see Stilton evolve and develop over the next 10 years.

PLANNING

There was a lot of planning to consider from the Bellway applications, Stilton Cheese, Stilton Lodge and Golf Course sites.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the many benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan is that the village will receive an increase of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies, 25% instead of 15%. The CIL is a charge levied by local authorities on new developments to aid delivery of infrastructure to support





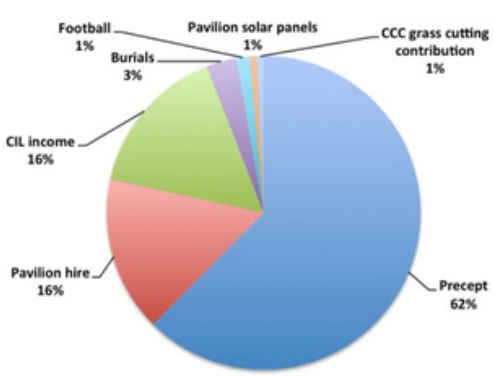
What else changed in Stilton?

- A defibrillator was sited in the Telephone Box and a second one, donated and placed at the Pavilion
- The skate park was refreshed and children's road markings commissioned in front of the Play Park (thank you to Linda Angus and Jen Longstaff for raising the funds to pay for this)
- The conifers at the Churchyard were felled to make way for much needed burial spaces and composters positioned for all green waste in burial areas
- A village-wide tree survey was carried out
- Replaced using CIL funds - Pavilion bridleway bins and Caldecote Road planters (planted by Dee Darnell)
- We attended meetings about the disused corner shop, flooding and traffic/parking in the village
- The 20mph zone was installed
- The PC took ownership of Gala Close open land
- The Parish Room was made available to those who wished to write in the village Book of Condolence for Queen Elizabeth II.

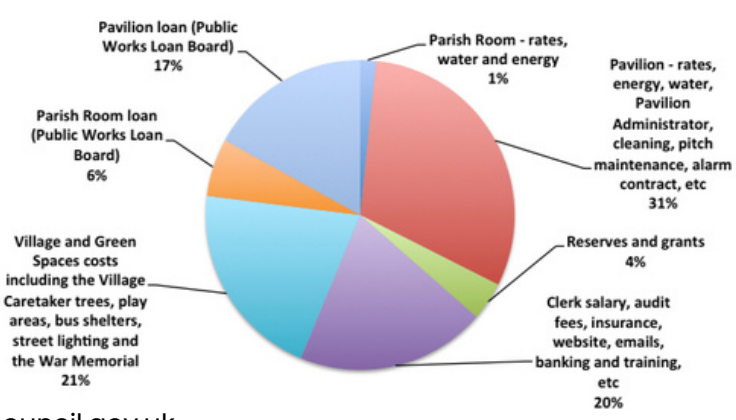
PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES:

Income and expenditure 2022-2023

Parish Council Income 2022-23



Parish Council Expenditure 2022-23



WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW...

There's always lots to do on the Parish Council but this year we've got an ambitious Action Plan (find full details on our website - www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk). Here's some of the things we're aiming to do:

The Neighbourhood Plan has started and is likely to take 2 years to complete. We held 2 village consultation meetings and continue to request input. We welcome anyone who is interested in being involved in any capacity to contact the clerk. It may take less than 2 years with more people involved

Our Conservation Area is receiving some TLC – we've upgraded the benches and started work on the Telephone Box, a Defibrillator launch day is being planned to showcase how to use it. Tree grids have gone and we'll work with Highways to make visual improvements in this area. We are committed to keeping open communication with the empty shop owners to improve it's appearance/condition

The Bench Report has been completed (see website) and improvements are planned for the 23 village benches! The Old Pump Benches (replaced with the Jubilee Benches) will be upgraded with longer legs and repositioned this year to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III'

Biodiversity is very important and Huntingdonshire District Council are providing funding to add extra green elements to those spaces in the village that don't provide much interest for insects, animals or humans alike. From wild flowers to trees, hedgehog homes, bat residences and a community orchard, we hope to add some exciting new elements to our green spaces this year

We know connectivity is important to everyone, especially when safety is added to the mix which is why we are in the process of upgrading our broadband at the Pavilion and immediate surrounding areas eg, Skate Park. This will allow HDC to take over CCTV monitoring 24/7 as well as being on the other end of a 'Call for Help' button to report issues (to be fitted on the front of the Pavilion).

AND IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS WE'RE LOOKING AT...

- Turning the Parish Room into a Heritage Centre for public use
- Upgrading / renovating village bus shelters
- Pushing for additional traffic calming measures on North Street/High Street (Pedestrian crossing, etc)
- Getting going on expanding the Pavilion to hopefully add new toilets and a smaller community room
- Applying for grants to renovate Barn Close Play Area so it becomes a really special space for the Under 6's

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for the latest information

HOW TO CONTACT US OR FIND OUT MORE:



Email Julianne the Parish Clerk: clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Visit our website: www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Call us: 01733 639106 (please note the Clerk works part time but messages will be replied to)

Unsure as to who your Parish Councillors are? More details, including email addresses are on the website for Sue Ayres, Keith Bull, Vicky Dorling, Adrian Green, Mandy Kisbee, John Leonard, Olive Leonard, Alison Shailer, Phil Shailer and Adam Vickers



**** Find us on Facebook: Stilton Parish Council and Stilton Pavilion ****



For all Pavilion bookings: Call Mary-Ann on 07484 746894
or
email: pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stilton Pavilion

You can provisionally book 24 hours a day through the website too - click the Pavilion tab and fill in an enquiry form (remember Stilton residents are entitled to a 25% discount)

We'd love to see you at our meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Church Meeting Room @ 7:30pm