



Hail Weston Parish Council

Your Newsletter Summer 2017



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What's been happening?

B645 speed reduction

Hail Weston Parish Council were successful (2nd time of bidding) in their proposal for a speed reduction on the B645 under the Local Highways Initiative scheme. The grant means that CCC will contribute to some of the cost of this, the rest will be paid for by the Parish Council. The PC would have preferred a greater speed reduction however 50mph is a step in the right direction. The changes will as well as incorporating a speed reduction for the stretch of the B645 between the eastern and western entrances to the village, will include considerable improved signage and inform drivers they are entering Hail Weston whilst travelling on B645.

The proposal is with a project manager at CCC Highways and is expected to be implemented later this year.



Change of Chair

Tony Baker is our new Parish Council Chair.



Veronica Bolton left after 6 years and HWPC thank Veronica for her contribution as a great advocate of Hail Weston.

Parish Councillors

We welcome Rebecca Rowley Smith and Peter Mailer who have recently joined the Parish Council. We recently lost Guy Warner and Veronica Bolton and subsequently have 2 councillor vacancies If you are interested please contact hailwestonpc@outlook.com

A list of Councillors can be found at the back.

What's been happening?

Dog fouling

The situation is much better so a huge thank you to dog owners and walkers. The dispensers are assisting but they are there just for emergency use.



Playing field

As a community, we are extremely fortunate to have such a fantastic playing field that can be used by just about everyone in the village, irrespective of their age! Since the establishment of the Friends of Hail Weston Playing Field Group a handful of residents have been busy completing ongoing maintenance. It is hoped that the group can now focus on enhancements so if you might like to get involved please contact janesugars1@gmail.com.

The Parish Council is committed to maintaining the playing field to the highest standards. A huge thanks to all those volunteers recently, particularly Freddie and Steve who repainted fences and took delivery of sand and bark. Many thanks also to Dawn and the Gardening Group who have tended the flower beds too. Following a recent safety check a few tweaks here and there are required including a new zip-wire spring and missing caps which will be replaced in the coming weeks.



Litter pick

A hugely successful tidy completed in March with over 21 residents helping – Thanks very much to all those involved who collected over 25 bags.



No cold calling scheme

Hail Weston PC have joined the 'Good Neighbour Scheme' If you wish to display a sticker on your property please let the Clerk know. hailwestonpc@outlook.com



The footbridge Surface on steps at the Ford have been made safer by CCC who have replaced the surface with an anti slip material.

CCC Highways volunteering scheme

HWPC have joined a CCC Highways volunteering scheme following one of the actions from the Community Plan. Residents indicated a willingness to improve parish facilities, so volunteers please speak to hailwestonpc@outlook.com this will allow the PC to build upon the annual litter pick already carried out. Activities in helping the village to look great could be vegetation cutting back, cleaning signs and siding out overgrown footpaths etc. Equipment provided will be provided.



Replacement street lighting

The PC successfully sourced interest free funding from Salix Finance following government approval which has replaced 17 parish owned street lights to LED. The lights are not only 'brighter' but will deliver improved energy and maintenance costs in future. Thanks to those residents for responding to the recent online survey monkey question - this actually enabled the approval from government thus staggering parish expenditure over 5 years.



What's been happening?

Garden of Rest

Has been developed to create a peaceful community space. Plans kindly presented by Dawn and the Gardening Group include allowing the grass to become more meadow-like with paths mown into it and fruit trees for all the Community to benefit from. The volunteers planted 14 trees with a local variety back in March. The fruit can be picked and enjoyed in due course by residents. It is hoped to site a bench or two. If you are interested in helping to contribute to or purchase a bench please contact hailwestonpc@outlook.com



The Royal Oak Pub the PC were very pleased that the pub successfully opened on the 19th of May and it is hoped this will be a popular destination for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. <http://www.royaloakhailweston.com/>

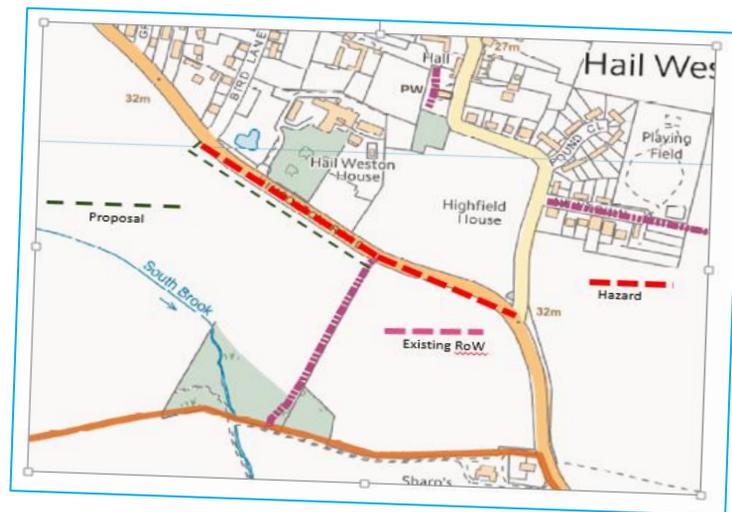
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What's happening next?

So that was just some of the things we have been doing, and here is what we will be working on over the next few months.

Right of Ways

We are in discussion with local land owner regarding opening a 'permissive path' opposite Bird Lane on the B645. This would mean that users could walk safely inside the hedgerow to the right of way path and down towards the barrow. The PC are hopeful of this happening but mindful that if it is abused the land owner could rescind it at any time.



Development of communication HWPC will continue to publish information on the notice boards in the High Street and the playing field however these fall short in today's modern world. We have a new re-vamped web site at www.hailweston.org.uk Please take a look and give us feedback We are keen to exploit newer ways to keep people informed and want to encourage the use of Twitter and Facebook for Hail Weston.

Ford End

It's clear that the ford road is being used by many HGVs which are causing a great deal of damage. We believe that many of the HGVs simply don't appreciate how unsuitable the road is for them and so 'Not suitable for HGV' signs are to be erected imminently.

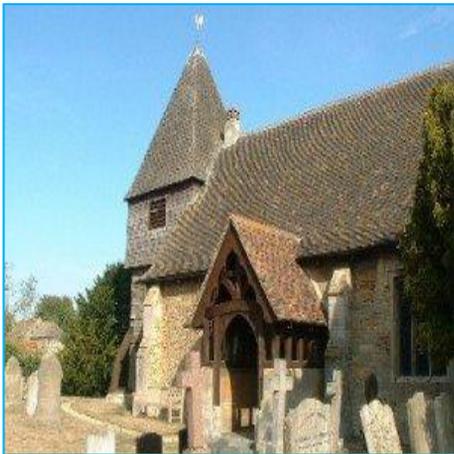
Events

Hail Weston neighbourhood café dates

- Sunday 16th July
- Wednesday 26th July



The café will be open from 3.30 to 5.30pm - drop in at any time. All welcome, whether you come on your own or with a friend. The Neighbourhood café is asking for a few more volunteers. Contact Sue or Maurice: mauriceandsue1@gmail.com or telephone 212920.



Cream teas in St Nicolas churchyard July 15th, 22nd and 29th 2.30pm – 4.30pm all welcome

Sunday 23rd July New Vicar Nicky Bland taking the service at 9am

Parish Caretaker

This is a varied role established to support the upkeep of the village. The post holder will work closely with, and under the direction of the Parish Clerk to maintain and improve standards across the village

Hours of Work: To be discussed at interview approximately up to 8hrs/month (March-October)

Rate of Pay: To be discussed at interview. As from 1st April, 2017 the range of pay will be £9.12 - £10.00 per hour

Hail Weston Parish Council operates an Equal Opportunities policy.

Parish Councillor

We have two Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council

A great opportunity to get more involved with the community and make a real difference!

*If you are interested in either position please contact the Parish Clerk, Jen Abell
hailwestonpc@outlook.com*

Your Parish Council

What do we do?

- We're responsible for public open spaces including playing field, cemetery and allotments
- We represent the Hail Weston Parish on matters of planning
- We represent Hail Weston to get better resources
- We try to make a difference for the future

As a council we get involved in more than just that and we are allocated various 'lead roles'. So here's who we are, and how can you contact us with problems, issues or offers of help and ideas.



<p>Tony Baker – Parish Chairman a.j.baker@btinternet.com 01480 474596 37 Orchard Close, Hail Weston</p>	<p>Communication & publicity Highways and Environment</p>
<p>Jill Gooch—Vice Chairman gooch335@btinternet.com 01480 212401 8 Orchard Close ,Hail Weston</p>	<p>Village Hall Financial Reviewer</p>
<p>Jane Sugars-Councillor Janesugars1@gmail.com 07739549176 133 High Street , Hail Weston</p>	<p>Communication & Publicity Playing Field</p>
<p>Rebecca Rowley-Smith-Councillor Rebecca.smith121@gmail.com 07977548456</p>	<p>Open spaces/Checks and Tree Warden</p>
<p>Peter Mailer petermailer@btinternet.com 07748614874</p>	
<p>Vacancy x 2</p>	
<p>Jennifer Abell—Parish Clerk hailwestonpc@outlook.com 01480 215880 5 Orchard Close, Hail Weston</p>	<p>Main point of contact</p>
<p>Two Vacancies – Parish Councillor Make a difference by becoming a Parish Councillor. Influence policy, have an impact on the future direction of your village. Contact a councillor or the Parish Clerk</p>	

THE CHAIR'S REPORT, ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, 20TH MARCH 2017

Parish Assembly Chairman's Report – 2107 - Outgoing Chair

I'm very pleased to report that the PC realised full memberships in 2016 reaching its full capacity of seven. This is something that has not been achieved since 2012 but unfortunately was short lived. The council welcomed Jane Sugars in April 2016 and Rebecca Rowley Smith in January of this year. This currently leaves one vacancy. Please do get in touch if you're interested and want to find out more of what is entailed. The work isn't too onerous and can be very rewarding. It is a real insight into how your community works.

The work of the council falls into two areas -

- representing you on issues effecting the community such as planning the applications - 7 in the last year
- Maintaining our open spaces - the allotments, playing field, the new cemetery and grassland

The council strategy has continued around the actions raised from the Community Plan

- Communication - launch of the new website along with twitter and Facebook platforms
- Development of a playing field committee consisting of volunteers who have made playing field improvements, repaired and painted fencing and generally keeping the area spic and span
- Garden of rest - members of the village were keen to make this area more attractive and consequently a better used space. The PC has approved a plan to renovate the garden including the siting of some apple trees. Phased work has begun.
- Highways - application to reduce the speed on the B645, improved signage including not suitable for HGV signs at ford end

Support to the safety committee who undertook an excellent job of fund raising for a defibrillator, and starting the community cafe - watch this space for more activity. Many thanks to Maurice and Sue for leading on this.

The end of February saw us organise the Annual litter pick with a fantastic 21 volunteers helping to clear 25 bags of rubbish. It was great to see so many new faces.

Sadly, a lot of improvements to the village require money. The precept for 2017/18 was approved in November reflecting an increase of 20% approx. £2 a week per household. Advice from both HDC and CCC is consistent with previous years - in that finding remains tight and undoubtedly services will be effected requiring the PC to do more. Following a disappointing outcome from last year's Highway Initiative it was clear that Hail Weston would need to submit a stronger proposal and importantly include more investment towards realising the feedback from the community plan of trying to achieve a safer B645. That along with replacing 17 Parish owner street lights made for another significant increase.

District Councillor Jonathon Gray and County Councillor Peter Downes do a sterling job at keeping HWPC informed of opportunity to shape consultations and wider county news. I would like to thank them both. Peter Downes has served this council for 12 years and I understand that this is his last Parish assembly.

I want to thank all the village volunteers who help this village to become a more attractive and nicer place to live. Too many to thank individually but from those individuals who simply report issues on line or via our parish clerk such as potholes and fly tipping to those support the Church Restoration, Crime and Safety, Gardening Group, Village Hall Committee endless and apologies to any I have missed.

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Parish Assembly Chairman's Report - 2107

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors' without who I couldn't take the role of Chair. They have taken the burden of the work, for which I thank them. I think my fellow Councillors would also like to join me to thank Jen Abell our Parish Clerk for her sterling work supporting the council, all her hard work makes our role so much easier.

This is my last Parish Assembly and I will be standing down from the Council in May and the AGM. It has been an enjoyable time and I urge anyone interested to give a go. Thank you

Finally I would like to acknowledge all the help and support from Jen Abell our village clerk; without whom I wouldn't be able to do this job. Many thanks to Jen from both myself personally and on behalf of the Hail Weston Parish Council.

Veronica Bolton

New Chairman of Hail Weston

It is with great honour that I take the position of Chair of the Parish Council. My fellow councillors are a great asset to the village and we pride ourselves in maintaining what is good, improving what is not good and thinking forward for the future of Hail Weston

We want to hear from you on matters that affect you or ideas that you might have and don't forget you are welcome at any Parish Council meeting. The work on the Community Led Plan has given the Parish Council has clear guide as to what is important to the residents and we aim to fulfil our actions.

As with most things in life the challenge comes when we need to find money to do things that we need to do. Our precept (local council tax) is our source of income and we all need to be mindful that we are all paying for everything that the Parish Council spends. This is a serious responsibility and we have to be prudent but also brave enough to make commitments and/or improve things.

Our district councillor Jonathan Gray has been a great advocate for Hail Weston and attends most of our meetings. We sadly lost County Councillor Peter Downes in a recent a re-shuffle. Peter always stuck up for the 'small man' and was superb in helping us with our B645 speed reduction proposal as well as giving us some insight into the every tightening financial situation across local government. We welcome County Councillor Ian Gardener and look forward to working with him. The challenges on HDC and Cambs. CC means that more and more is being cut and as such may not visibly be getting done. We have to face up to it Peter told us and look for ways we can cope. Examples of poor road kerb gutter cleaning and weeding show up clearly. It makes me wonder whether we need to learn some of those old post WWII values and do things ourselves. We also need to be mindful of people in our community who are vulnerable and look out for them where we can.

Saying that, Hail Weston is a vibrant community with many organisations and activities. The recent village fete and dog show showed how people come together and make something work well. If you are not involved in anything but would like to be then just be brave and invite yourself in. It can be fun!

The Hail Weston Web site is a good source of information <http://hailweston.org.uk/>

Tony Baker

Staying in touch...

Hail Weston Parish Council Meetings - are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. Next dates are August 15th, 19th of Sept. 17th Oct. and 21st Nov. 17'. The public may address the Council on current matters or issues of concern. Any matters raised for decision will become a future agenda item.

Hail Weston Parish Council Staying in touch

Hail Weston Community Website is live. And we're also on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Please follow the links below to stay up to date on everything that's happening in your community.

Your Parish Council

facebook.com/HailWestonVillage



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Hail Weston Parish Council – Staying in touch

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