



Hail Weston Parish Council

Your Newsletter

Winter 2020



What's happening?

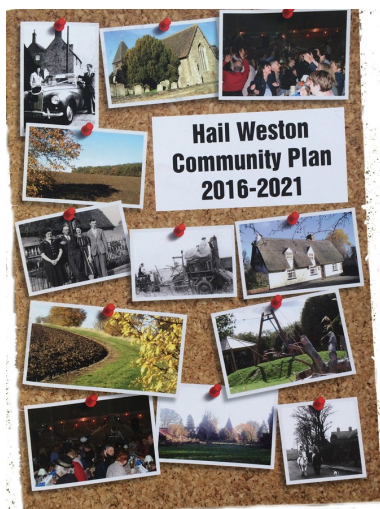
In this edition....

...a forthcoming speed limit change within Hail Weston village, plans for a second Community Led Plan plus how and when to contact your Parish Council.

Did you know that Parish Council meetings are open to all?

The agenda for each meeting is posted online in the week before the meeting at <https://hailweston.org.uk/parish-council/meetings/> and posted on the parish notice board on the High Street. Anyone attending is permitted to speak during an 'open forum' and may then stay and observe the whole meeting or leave at any point. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (apart from December) from 7.30pm in the village hall.

Community Led Plan (CLP) —the next 5 years



The 2016 Hail Weston CLP led to many new developments for the parish. It is incredible to think that nearly five years have passed since the plan was introduced at a very successful launch event.

However, it is now time to start work on a new CLP for the next five years. In October, over 60 people attended a public meeting in the village hall where we reviewed the success of the previous plan and set the scene for a new version.

Since then we have formed a steering group with eight members that will oversee the production of the new plan over the coming twelve months.

A working party will be formed for each of the following six areas:

- ⇒ Groups, facilities and communications
- ⇒ Demographics
- ⇒ Transport and Highways
- ⇒ Housing and Development
- ⇒ Wildlife, environment and sustainability.

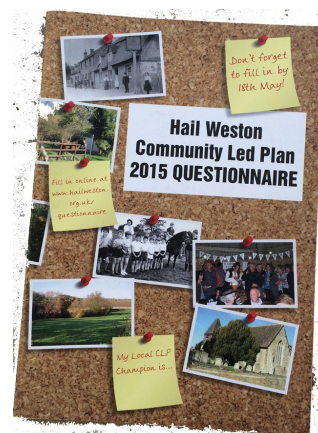
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Our next task is to produce a questionnaire to cover each subject and which will be issued to every resident later in the year. We aim to unveil the new CLP in 2021.

As with all such projects we rely on volunteers to get the work done and many hands make light work. Getting involved is also a great way to meet neighbours and maybe new friends!

If you would like to help Hail Weston establish a vision for the next 5 years, please contact Nick at nickfarnden@aol.com.



Alternatively, to find out more come to the Parish Assembly on Tuesday 17 March in the Village Hall. Most of the CLP Steering Group will be attending and will be happy to provide further information.

Why a CLP?

A CLP collects views from a broad group of residents and can make sure that actions meet local needs. Lots has happened in Hail Weston since the current plan was produced—much of this has been informed or inspired by the CLP. Here's a recap!

- A regular email newsletter (contact dawn@dawn-isaac.com to join); A new website
- Two new defibrillators sited within the village—outside the village hall and at the former phone box (now also a self-service library). To unlock in an emergency, call 999 and give your location
- Wildflower areas at the playing field at Newtown
- Twice-monthly neighbourhood pop-up café. See website for dates. Charity donations from café visitors raised £1571.02 in 2019 alone
- New clubs : the wildlife and gardening group and the bridge club
- Progress on planned improvements to the church building
- Reduced speed limits - 50mph on the B645 and 20mph in the village (forthcoming)
- The pub re-opened in May 2017

Resident views on development collected via the CLP have also been used to inform responses to planning proposals.

What's happening?

Your views

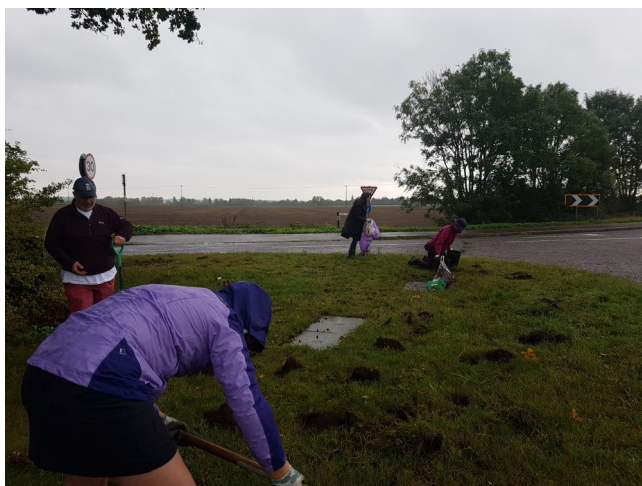
All residents are warmly invited to join us at the Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 17th March in the Village Hall. While residents are welcome to raise points and share their viewpoints at any Parish Council meeting, the March Parish Assembly provides a less formal setting, a chance to hear updates both from the Parish Council and from other local groups and is an opportunity to share your views either with the whole meeting or over refreshments and informal discussions.

Views are especially sought on security and whether the Parish Council should be taking any action on behalf of residents. Members of the new Community Led Plan Steering Group will be there not only to answer questions but to hear your ideas on what residents should be asked in the forthcoming CLP questionnaire.

New 20mph zone



After taking into account resident views and consulting police and the County Council, the Parish Council put in a bid for Local Highway Improvement (LHI) funding last summer, as reported in the last edition of this newsletter. Our request to reduce the speed limit through the village was accepted and we will soon see a change throughout the village from 30 down to 20mph. Mobile speed signs will also be available to use both within the village and on the B645. The current County Council estimate for implementation is spring 2020.



Bulb-planting

Thanks to the public-spirited volunteers who gave up a morning in September to plant 55kg of bulbs that everyone will be able to enjoy—also to the Foxley family who donated the bulbs. The new bulbs were planted along the verge at the Eastern entrance to the village and outside the new cemetery.

What's happening?

Fly tipping

Hail Weston has seen an increase in fly tipping recently, in particular at Ford End. This is being monitored by Hunts District Council (HDC) - which is responsible for removing this waste—and Cambs County Council, to assess whether there is a link to recent changes in access to local recycling facilities (see more information on these changes below).

Thanks to residents alerting HDC about fly tipping in a timely manner, two prosecutions are currently pending—one relating to a company and another to an individual.

Cambs recycling

On the 1st October 2019 the County Council implemented a Van & Trailer e-permit scheme across all Cambridgeshire recycling centres. The aim is to better regulate the use of vans and trailers, to ensure only household waste is being delivered to these sites. Any resident planning to visit an HRC site with a van or trailer needs to obtain a permit beforehand. Residents can request a free permit online:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centre-e-permit-scheme>

Litter pick

Do your bit to keep Hail Weston looking shipshape, join the annual litter pick on:

Sunday 15 March



What's happening?

Allotments



Contact the Parish Council if you're interested in taking on an allotment.



Recent work at the allotments on Ford End has included a new fence.

Playing field

We have a lovely playing field that attracts many families and children, especially during the summer months. The Parish Clerk arranges safety checks, grass cutting and some maintenance but this can really eat into our budget. Residents willing to help with maintenance such as painting woodwork or keeping flower beds under control are always welcomed.

If you're interested in helping out at the field—whether regularly or on occasional work days—please contact Councillor Peter Mailer.

Aged 40 -74?

More people than ever are at risk of Type 2 diabetes. If nothing changes, more than five million people will have diabetes in the UK by 2025.

Did you know that you can get a free NHS Health Check designed to spot early signs of type 2 diabetes, Stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, or dementia. An NHS Health Check helps find ways to lower this risk.

NHS Health check clinics are now being held in libraries and community centres throughout Cambridgeshire.

What's happening?

Timebanking/ help-a-neighbour

The successful St Neots Timebank, which celebrates its 8th birthday on March 7th, has now extended its reach to cover residents in the whole of the PE19 postal area, i.e. to include Hail Weston.

The Timebank now has 209 members and has provided over 10,000 hours of help!

One of the ideas coming out of our 2016-21 CLP was to establish a formal 'help a neighbour' scheme. Lots of work was put into investigating this but unfortunately it was found to be fraught with difficulties (co-ordination, insurances etc) and in the end it was decided that our community was too small to sustain a formal scheme.



In 2019 the Parish Council was approached to consider collaborating with Great Staughton & Perry Councils to support a time-banking scheme, which we were keen to be involved in. Again, however, the proposed scheme never got off the ground—also due to lack of numbers.

“ Our members should be very proud having over the years helped each other for over 10,000 hours, changing lives and sharing the workload. We've helped to combat loneliness, depression, stress, accidental injury or just unable to cope. We give help for so many reasons, even to people too busy to do or those that just can't do.

St Neots Timebank Newsletter, March 2020

Find out more

The scheme welcomes all sorts of skills and contributions such as help with small DIY projects, picture-framing, weeding, ironing, IT help and giving lifts. It also coordinates temporary loan of some items such as wheelchairs.

To find out more about how you might get involved look at the website: <https://tol2.timebanking.org/stneots>, phone 07590 909057 or email time.volunteers@outlook.com.

No formal commitment or specialist skills required.

Your Parish Council

Who's who?

Jill Gooch – Chair, Village Hall 	Nick Farnden - Vice Chair, Community Led Plan 
Jane Sugars - Councillor, Communication & Publicity 	Matthew Lobo - Councillor, Finance
Peter Mailer - Councillor, Playing Field 	Philip Martin - Councillor, Open spaces, tree warden 
Jeff Hubble - Councillor, Highways and environment, village hall 	Jennifer Abell – Parish Clerk clerk@hailweston.org.uk 01480 215880 

Forthcoming Parish Council meetings, 2020

All on Tuesday, 7.30pm, Village Hall

March 17 (Parish Assembly)

April 21

May 19 (AGM)

June 16

November 17

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

No meeting in December

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Share your views

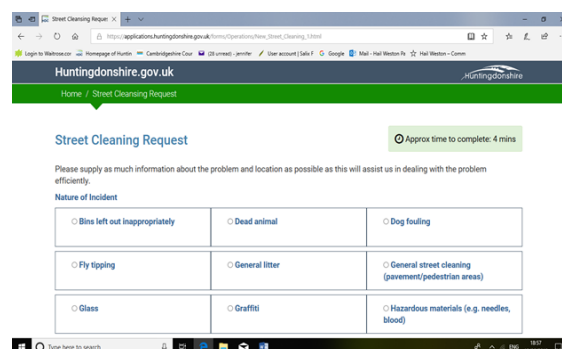
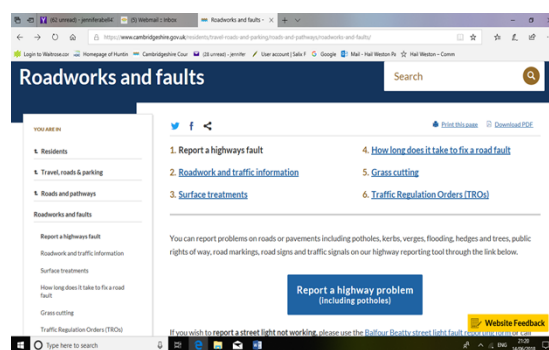
Would you like to see more street lighting outside the pub?
Contact the Parish Council to let us know what you think.



Report it!

The Parish Council is often approached about issues over which it has no control. Here's the low-down on the best ways to report some common issues:

- ⇒ Poor car parking that encroaches & obstructs
What to do... speak with vehicle owner, report to Cambridgeshire County Council or call 101 if a vehicle is blocking access to a property
- ⇒ Pot holes, roads, pavements & trees on a highway
What to do... report to Cambridgeshire County Council, using their "Report a Problem" service: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>.
Note that issues with the A1 should be reported to Highways England
- ⇒ Greenery on private land
What to do... report to the landowner
- ⇒ Fly tipping in river
What to do... report to the Environment Agency
- ⇒ Street Cleaning requests including bins left out inappropriately, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, weeds & kerb side sweeping
What to do... report to Huntingdonshire District Council:
[https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New Street Cleaning 1.html](https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New%20Street%20Cleaning%201.html)
- ⇒ Playing field, allotments, new Cemetery
What to do... report to Hail Weston Parish Council at a Parish Meeting or contact the Clerk or any Councillor (see who's who).



Your Parish Council

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Annual Parish Assembly

In the Village Hall

17th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Meet Parish Councillors

Hear updates from the Parish, District and County Councils

Updates from other Hail Weston groups

A chance to raise anything related to Hail Weston

Open to all—we'd love to see you there!

