

Dear Resident

Hilton Parish Council would like to thank those residents who attended the Hilton Village Hall Coffee Morning on 10.07.2018, between 9am and 11am. There were a number of questions/statements raised at the Forum which are detailed below, with responses.

You said, we Did....

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You Asked....

Your Team did....

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<p>Does the Parish council believe that the provision of the van as best value?</p> <p>I have noted that there are other suppliers of vehicles on the internet that include maintenance as part of the lease.</p> <p>Could I ask when the current van lease expires?</p> <p>And that the Parish council review the type of vehicle and the lease at this point to get best value for money for the tax payers of Hilton.</p>	<p>When the Parish Council looked at having a Van for the staff to use. They looked at both leasing and purchasing a van and compared many different suppliers.</p> <p>Purchasing a van was not deemed best value at that time due to depreciation and repair costs so the Parish Council agreed that best value would be to lease a van on a 3-year contract. At that time the Parish Council compared many suppliers and Toyota was deemed by far the most competitive.</p> <p>The current lease does not run out until the start of 2020. Therefore, the Parish Council are tied into a contract until then. The Parish Council will not relook at this position until near the expiration date.</p> <p>A van is required to empty the litter bins around the village, to take heavy equipment to sites around the village to complete maintenance for example mowers, strimmers etc. The van allows the staff to do more work around the village.</p>

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Why are so many PC Resigning?

Diversity often arises because councillors have different backgrounds, enthusiasms and interests. Councillors have different skills and attitudes; for example, some work with ideas while others are very practical; some like accounts while others prefer reports. The Parish Council needs a range of skills to work as a team.

People join Parish Council for all kinds of reasons, they also resign for all kind of reasons. This is their individual choice and is personal to them.

Being a Parish Councillor can be very difficult at times. Residents don't always understand that a Parish Council must and can only do:

- what the law requires it to do.
- what the law says it may do.
- A Parish council cannot do anything unless permitted by legislation.

Councillors are basically a group of people who put themselves forward to try and make the village a better place for the community.

SDDC/DCC

The issue of poor maintenance of amenity planting along side Egginton Road, brambles for 20 years after moving in.

The latest is that Persimmon own this strip of land in perpetuity. The resident has to contact Persimmon to cut the grass on the site, nag them to cut back undergrowth overhanging the path, this includes wild roses and brambles. They have hardly ever addressed the height of the amenity planting or cut out what is dead. What is to be the outcome of this as the resident is not moving.

The resident was informed at Coffee Morning that this was a matter from SDDC and DCC.

The Clerk emailed this over to our SDDC and DCC Ward Members for a resolution to be found on 12.07.2018