



# Hillington Parish Council

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## Newsletter – Autumn 2015

### Parish Clerk

In July Hillington Parish Council welcomed our new Parish Clerk, Melanie Duggan.

### Website [www.hillington.org](http://www.hillington.org)

This site gives residents details about The Parish Council and access to all the news and events happening in the vicinity. It also includes a link to the Tapping House website.

### Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal

Hillington was fortunate in being chosen as one of the first villages in Norfolk to be connected to Vodafone's Rural Open Sure Signal giving the village access to a 3G mobile signal (provided you have a contract with Vodafone). This is great news for everyone in the village including local businesses and visitors. The Council would like to thank those who have kindly allowed their premises to be used for the siting of equipment linked to this project.

### Better Broadband for Norfolk

Since June, as part of Better Broadband for Norfolk, Hillington has been connected to the fibre Optic Network allowing access to superfast broadband in the village. In order to access this, residents need to contact their internet service provider to upgrade their contract.

### Tapping House Hospice

The Hospice invited all those living in the village to tour the Hospice on 19th March. The event was very well attended and the staff made everyone most welcome. Lyndsay Carter, Chief Executive and Mark Shea, Director of Fundraising, have kindly come to speak at two recent Parish Council meetings. Future fundraising events in the village include Bingo at The Ffolkes Arms on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015; Christmas Fair on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and a 'Light up a Life' service with carols on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm at the Hospice. Details are available on their website [www.norfolkhospice.org.uk](http://www.norfolkhospice.org.uk).

### Anglian Water First Time Sewerage Scheme

The Council have received confirmation that Anglian Water will be providing a mains sewerage scheme for Hillington. Preliminary plans are being drawn up with an anticipated start date for construction of 2017 with connections possibly starting in 2018. Anglian Water is keeping the Parish Council updated on developments and once the plans are finalised there will be a public meeting for people living in the village.

### Bulb Planting

The daffodils planted in 2014 brightened up the village in the spring and Jonathan Worsley organised another successful bulb planting in the village on 18th October. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who turned out to help plant the daffodil bulbs. The new plantings are at the junction of the B1440 Dersingham Road and the A148 and at the junction of the B1153 Fritcham Road and the A148. Thank you to Dave and Carole Ralston for the ingredients for the delicious sandwiches and the lovely biscuits.

## **Medieval Crosses and Ivy removal**

Work has started on clearing the Ivy and other plants and the crosses have now been uncovered. This work is necessary because the plant roots have been growing into the mortar on the cross bases and damaging them.

## **Archaeological Dig**

Organised by the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Archaeological Society and the University of Cambridge Archaeological department, the digging on nine test pits was undertaken by students from the local schools in March. Some of the finds made were from mid-late Saxon, medieval and post-medieval, early and later prehistoric settlements. Further details can be seen at [www.hillington.org](http://www.hillington.org).

The Society is most grateful to the residents of the village who hosted the digs for the welcome they gave to the school children, staff, Cambridge University team and the members of the Archaeological Society.

## **Village Link Bus Project**

The Parish Council is supporting a proposal to reinstate bus services from Great Massingham and Docking to King's Lynn. If successful this will improve the frequency of buses passing through Hillington.

## **Police Connect**

To receive email information about local crimes from Norfolk Constabulary go to the Norfolk Constabulary website [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk) . Scroll down and click **Police Connect** on the left side of the screen. The Police Connect window opens, scroll down to the bottom of the screen, click **Register for Police Connect** and follow the instructions. When you have registered, you can manage your contact details from the member portal, for which there is a link at the bottom of every Police Connect email.

## **Thank You**

The Councillors would like to express their thanks to all members of the community who contribute to the general upkeep of the village. If you would like to volunteer to do some work, no matter how small, on behalf of the village the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from you.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council meetings take place in the Ffolkes Arms at 7.30pm on alternate months. The Parish Council would like to thank the Ffolkes Arms for kindly allowing them to hold the Parish Council meetings there. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th November. Meeting dates for 2016 will be agreed at this meeting and then published on the website and on the Parish Council noticeboard. If you would like to receive notification of these meetings please email the Clerk on the email above.

Councillors would like to encourage Members of the public to attend meetings as they welcome their views and comments during public participation time.

## **Christmas Party 2015**

The Parish Council will be holding the annual Christmas Party for the residents of the village on **Tuesday 8th December** at the Ffolkes Arms. Invitations are being delivered with this newsletter. It is hoped that as many residents as possible will be able to come along. Councillors would like to thank the Ffolkes Arms Hotel for kindly hosting this event for the people of the village.

The Parish Councillors wish you all every happiness for Christmas and the New Year.