

Hilperton Update

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Dear Resident,

Thursday 1st May will see the four-yearly election for Wiltshire Council.

If you are planning to vote, please ensure that you are on the electoral roll. If you wish to vote by post, please ensure that you have registered with Wiltshire Council.

Please remember that, if you want to vote 'in person', you will need to take photo ID with you.

Ernie.

The 'Heart of Wessex' mayoral authority.

The intention to make every Unitary/County/District council sign-up to a mayoral authority was, apparently, in the Labour manifesto for the general election last year.

It is part of the 'devolution' programme, but I cannot see how adding an extra layer of

bureaucracy 'devolves' anything. It simply seems to add yet another layer of government into things.

Wiltshire expressed its interest to the government in joining with Dorset and Somerset to form the 'Heart of Wessex' authority. Subsequently, the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole authority indicated its wish to join too.

At the moment (late January) no one knows what the government response will be.

Know what is happening in Hilperton.

If you wish to be added to the mailing list (your details will not be passed to anyone else) for my monthly 'e-newsletter', **please register via ernieclark.org.uk** It's a great way of keeping up to date with local issues, and costs you nothing.

Do you want to protect the Gap east of Elizabeth Way?

All the land to the west of Elizabeth Way is now being built-out and, apparently, the land east of the road (backing onto the houses in Horse Road) has been sold, with 'warning notices' erected 'encouraging' people to keep to the public footpaths.

Erection of these signs is a 'trigger event' for anyone who is thinking of applying for 'Village Green' status for the land - thus preventing development for housing.

If you, or anyone you know, has been thinking of doing this, **YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW!**

If you need assistance, please contact me for further information.

Now is the 'last chance saloon' for action to attempt to save what is left of the Gap from development.

There are no plans in the Wiltshire Council Local Plan to build on the land, but the Plan only runs for the next ten years or so!!

Marsh Road parking

Consultations are due to commence for new sections of double yellow lines along various lengths of Marsh Road. By the time you read this, the consultations should be live.

If you Google 'wiltshire council TRO consultations' that should take you to the page where you can look at the suggestions and leave your comments.

Parish Council elections

On the same day as the Wiltshire Council election, the election for parish councillors takes place.

For details of what the job involves, please contact clerk@hilperton-pc.gov.uk

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