

REPORT FROM HILMARTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE CALNE AREA BOARD  
MEETING 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2018

The main report from Hilmarton since the last Area Board meeting is that Arkell's Brewery have made the decision to sell the Duke Hotel in Hilmarton. We understand that currently there is interest from two buyers; the current tenants who have already reduced the trading hours to 4 days a week and a local business man who wishes to invest in the business bringing the Duke to its full potential. Hilmarton Parish Council did, some while ago, instigate having an Asset of Community Value placed on the site. So we are hoping that Arkells will make the decision that gives the business the best possible chance for survival.

Sadly in December we lost one of Parish Councillors Paul Foley. He was a larger than life character and a big part of the community in general for many years. He will be sadly missed at our meetings and our thoughts are with his family.

We are currently investigating the possibility of embarking on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.