

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- Hutton was runner up this year in the Best Kept Village Competition. Ashbridge School were also runners up in their merit category whilst the Recreation Ground was the winner in its merit Class. Representatives from each organisation attended the Awards Ceremony @ Gibbon Bridge Hotel on the 11th October 2010.
- In response to a query raised regarding parking issues in the vicinity of Anchor Drive LCC have responded as follows: This area has not raised any complaints or any accidents in the last five years. The area has however been looked at alongside the Tolsey Drive junction issue but has not raised any concerns. It will however continue to be monitored particularly following the return to school after the summer break.
- Flooding at the junction of Tolsey Drive and Liverpool Road has occurred quite frequently in the last few weeks. LCC have been informed by residents and the Parish Council and investigations are ongoing. It has been confirmed that recent works at the junction have removed the immediate problem at that location but that further investigation further down Liverpool Rd is required to establish the cause of this ongoing problem. It seems that the water runs into drains on the private land of householders on Liverpool Rd. These residents have recently received a letter asking for permission to investigate on their land. Once permissions have been received LCC will look into the matter to establish the cause and consider appropriate solutions.
- We have been advised that Vodaphone are to apply for the installation of a telecoms mast in the grounds of Hutton Police HQ at the request of the Police. The initial pre-planning application notification have been sent out by Vodaphone and in due course a formal planning application will be submitted giving the Parish Council an opportunity to comment if appropriate.
- Recently concerns have been raised by a number of residents concerning closure of the footpath between Moor Lane and Liverpool Road. Enquiries have been made with LCC who have checked their records and have confirmed that the footpath is not a 'public right of way' but has been a 'permitted footpath' for many years. As a 'permitted footpath' the land owners are within their legal rights to close it as indeed they have done on the grounds of safety in accordance with school security recommendations. This has however brought up the issue of 'communication' and as a result representatives of the Parish Council will meet with the Headteacher to discuss how in future improvements to 'communication' can be achieved so as to keep the local community informed of the reasons behind actions such as this.

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