

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 11TH MAY 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Gilbert (Chairman), Parkes, Wilshere, Thackeray, Barton & Mitchell

4 members of the public were present.

31/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gilbert was elected Chairman for the following 12 months. He then signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

32/09 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Parkes was elected Vice Chairman for the following 12 months.

33/09 APOLOGIES

None

34/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 23rd March 2009 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

35/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

36/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Mention was made that at the last PACT meeting the local police had confirmed their support for a reduction in the speed limit on part of the A59 as referred to in previous minutes and that the police traffic personnel had also been requested to support the proposal. Minutes of the last PACT meeting were circulated to members and the public.

It was suggested that a road sign on the A59 approaching Hutton roundabout might be removed since it referred to a new road layout which had been completed for some long time.

It was suggested that a gap which exists between the fencing around the playground and a thicket might be fenced off since the area behind it was being used as a local den.

Representation was made with regard to the use of the restaurant car park for business activities by Autorange thus supporting action under agenda item 16 relating to the consideration of writing to SRBC to request enforcement action.

It was mentioned that the activities highlighted under agenda item 17 at the Anchor Inn had significantly reduced as a result of the recent meeting between the Clerk/Chairman and the manager of the public house.

Representation was again made with regard to parking on the highway entrance to the restaurant by Autorange in support of action under agenda item 15 to consider writing to the police requesting that they give attention to the alleged obstruction issues. It was reiterated that the recent meeting between the Chairman/Clerk, Autorange and the police had established that no infringement of the Road Traffic Act was taking place provided that the cycle path/pavement itself was not obstructed. It was clarified that at the meeting that any parking on the highway in that area should also be a

short distance (not defined) from the main road. It was suggested that whilst photographic evidence exists which would suggest there have been past infringements action could only be taken against current and at the time events and that residents who felt an obstruction was occurring should contact the police there and then since it is the police who will decide whether or not any unlawful activity is taking place and what action is appropriate.

Members were asked whether any formal consultation had taken place with regard to the need for a bus shelter which was to be discussed at agenda item 21. It was confirmed that no formal consultation had taken place but that evidence of need was based on local observation and information. Members were asked to take into account any on going issues which might be triggered in terms of further requests should this bus shelter project go ahead.

The meeting was then re-convened.

37/09 PLANNING APPLICATION

2008/0085 - Erection of agricultural building (250m²) for the storage of feed and housing of cattle @ Weavers Farm Grange Lane Hutton PR4 5JH

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

38/09 REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved that the following representatives should be appointed:

**Western Parishes Area Committee – Cllr Thackerey
LALC Area Committee – Cllrs Wilshire and Mitchell
South Ribble Police Authority Forum – Cllr Barton
Hutton Grammar School Foundation – Cllr Mitchell
Lancashire Local – Cllr Gilbert
Pact Representative – Cllr Parkes (substitute Cllr Gilbert)**

39/09 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31ST MARCH 2009

It was resolved that the above statement having been previously circulated should be approved.

40/09 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

It was resolved that the above report having been previously circulated should be noted and approved

41/09 ANNUAL RETURN 2009

It was resolved that the Chairman and RFO should be authorised to sign Section1 (Statement of Accounts) and Section2 (Annual Governance Statement) being part of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2009.

42/09 INSURANCE

It was resolved that the Councils insurance should be renewed with Allianz at a figure of £614.67 in accordance with the report prepared by the Clerk which had .previously been circulated.

43/09 PHOTOCOPIER LEASE

It was resolved that this Council should accept the settlement figure of £319.64 in respect of the photocopier which was now redundant.

44/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000915	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses April &May 2009	954.76
000916	Allianz Insurance	Insurance Renewal	614.67
000917	Panasonic	Photocopier Lease Termination	319.64
000918	LALC	Subscription 2009/10	397.74
000919	Farrington PC	1/3 rd Share Waste Carrier Licence	49.66
000920	Young Longton Project	Contribution to Costs	260.00
000921	Longton Parish Council	Lengthsman Contribution 2009/10	3900.00

It was resolved that the above accounts should be approved for payment.

45/09 PARKING OBSTRUCTION ACCESS ROAD TO RESTAURANT BY AUTORANGE

Members had been asked to consider writing formally to the police requesting attention is given to parking and road safety issues resulting from the use by Autorange of the access road from Liverpool Rd to the restaurant car park. (Members were asked to note that the Chairman and Clerk had met with the police on site and that the police did not consider that any infringement of the Road Traffic Act was taking place provided that the pavement/cycle path itself was not obstructed however Autorange had been asked in the interest of being good neighbours to avoid doing so wherever possible)

It was resolved that in the light of the information provided by the Chairman/Clerk further clarified during public participation there was nothing to be gained by writing to the police at this time and that any alleged future breaches should be reported direct to the police by residents as and when they occurred so that the police could consider the situation at the time. The Clerk suggested that any such reports might also be reported to him so that incidents and police responses could be assessed.

46/09 AUTORANGE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ON RESTAURANT CAR PARK

Members had been asked to consider writing to SRBC Planning Enforcement with regard to alleged activities being carried out on the restaurant car park contrary to their planning consent (Members had been advised that the Chairman and Clerk had met with Autorange who are aware that business activities on the car park may result in a request for formal action to be taken against the restaurant owner)

It was resolved that a letter should be sent to SRBC asking them to investigate the alleged planning permission breaches and take appropriate enforcement action.

47/09 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ANCHOR CAR PARK

Members had been asked to consider writing to the Anchor Inn with regard to the use of their car park by Autorange for the parking of cars. (Members were asked to note that the Chairman and Clerk had met with both Autorange and the Manager of the Anchor Inn and pointed out that present practice was contrary to the licence agreement. An assurance had been given that the practice of parking cars on the car park contrary to the licence permission would cease)

It was resolved that since a significant improvement had recently been seen and in light of the report from the meeting attended by the Chairman/Clerk as above it was now inappropriate to write to the Anchor Inn at this time.

48/09 PRIORY HIGH SCHOOL LEISURE FACILITIES

It was resolved that this Council should write to SRBC supporting the continuance of leisure facilities as they exist at the present time at Priory High School since these facilities were used by residents of this Parish and the wider area generally.

49/09 HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TREES

It was resolved that this Council should write to SRBC requesting that a general TPO should be placed on the trees within the grounds of Hutton Grammar School in order to protect them and the local environment generally but that Cllr Mitchell in his capacity as Hutton Grammar School Foundation representative should advise the Grammar School of this resolution prior to the letter being sent to SRBC.

50/09 ENTRANCE TO VILLAGE HALL

Members had been asked to consider whether in view of the delays in agreeing the total works around the Village Hall that the entrance to the car park should now be undertaken as a separate project in order to resolve the continuing issue of pot holes / temporary repairs. Members will remember that this work was included on the original improvement plan and funding will come from the available 106 monies.

It was resolved that this council were not in favour of the request as set out above and should write to SRBC asking them to expedite the outstanding issue with regard to drainage so that the village hall works could be undertaken in full.

51/09 BUS SHELTER LIVERPOOL RD / LINDLE LANE

Members had been asked to consider entering into partnership with SRBC on a matched funding basis to allow the erection of a bus shelter on Liverpool Rd between Lindle Lane and the roundabout at a total cost including installation of £3175.00. The cost would be split 50/50 with the Parish Council who would then take ownership of the shelter. Details of the design etc which are the same as those already installed on Liverpool Rd near to the Anchor Inn were provided at the meeting.

It was resolved that the project/partnership outlined above and agreed in principle at the last meeting should now proceed without delay.

52/09

It was resolved that the following provisional meeting dates should be agreed:

13th July - 14th September - 19th October - 7th December - 25th January - 22nd March - 10th May 2010

CHAIRMAN