

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 13TH JULY 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Wilshere, Thackeray, Hesketh & Mitchell

34 members of the public were present.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Hesketh was elected to take the Chair for this meeting only.

53/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Barton and Parkes. A letter received from Cllr Gilbert resigning as Chairman and also from the Council was read out.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Gilbert for his hard work over a number of years both as a member and more recently as Chairman and disappointment expressed that he had felt it necessary to resign as a result of the pressures he had had to endure recently.

54/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 11th May 2009 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hesketh declared an interest in all planning applications due to his membership of SRBC planning committee. In accordance with the Monitoring Officers guidance he did not take part in the debate or voting on any planning applications.

56/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A number of residents expressed concern with regard to further recent flooding on Liverpool Rd something which has been on going for a number of years and which was highlighted a few months ago at a Western Parishes Area Committee Meeting. Seemingly no action has been taken nor any update provided. The Clerk will contact LCC to see if he can establish the current position. It was suggested that residents might also wish to bring this matter up at the next WPACM next week since it was thought that a promise had been made to review progress on the flooding issues later this year.

A number of residents were concerned at issues relating to parking on the road/pavement in the vicinity of the local shops on Liverpool Rd. A suggestion was made that this area should be 'double yellow lined'. The Clerk explained that whilst parking on the pavement was not in itself unlawful causing obstruction certainly was and this was something that the police could enforce. It was suggested that residents contact the police through PACT to register their concerns. The Parish Council representative will also do this and the Clerk will separately advise the local police of the concerns raised. Yellow line requests are dealt with by LCC Highways and it is understood that this is only likely to be looked at where there are a number of resident requests. It was suggested that residents should initially write to LCC and supply the Clerk with copies of any letters sent so that the Council might support them in their endeavors.

One resident thanked the Council for its help in achieving the resurfacing of Anchor Drive and the removal of an obsolete sign on the A59 however it was noted that the gap at the end of the fence around the playground was still in existence. A formal reply is awaited from SRBC.

Mention was made that 'clamping' notices had now been erected on the Anchor Inn Car Park and Sylett Restaurant Car Park. A representative of the restaurant explained that this had been done as a result of complaints with regard to activities on his car park outside of his planning consent which had been highlighted by the Parish Council following representation from some residents.

The Chairman of this Council had attended a meeting recently and a short report had been made available to those present concerning an application for a 'pumping station' in Penwortham. Concerns with regard to access had been raised. 4 alternatives all within the Penwortham area had been discussed. Final agreement to an access down Howick Cross Lane is expected and discussions are taking place with local residents in Penwortham and the police as to how best to manage the increased traffic during construction. A resident then suggested that further pumping stations involving Hutton may be required in future and that access may also be required through Skip Lane and Grange Lane. He suggested that a traffic survey should be undertaken to assess the viability of potential access through Skip Lane and Grange Lane. The clerk reiterated that the current planning application did not have any access proposals through Hutton and that should any future application be made involving activities in Hutton this Council would need to be consulted and would no doubt make an appropriate response in the light of the situation at that time and in consultation with its own residents.

LCC Planning application 07/09/0318 – Concerns were raised by a number of residents relating to road traffic and road safety issues in the area resulting from the potential increase in vehicle movements should this application be granted. Concern was raised at the validity of the vehicular movement information supplied with the application. The question of odorous smells and noise was also a concern in the light of experience over a long period with TEG and concerns over the health effects of open composting following recent press coverage was also raised. The Council was asked to consider these concerns when formulating its response to the application. One member of the public did speak in support of the diversification of the activities at the farm site concerned and explained the proposed process in response to some of the comments above. He also stressed the difference between the proposed operation and the commercial operation conducted by TEG which he felt were significantly different and would therefore not create the same issues due to the much smaller operation being proposed.

SRBC Planning application 2009/0017 – Concerns were raised in respect of vehicle movements and the adverse impact on local roads which were not suitable for commercial traffic to the degree that was now being seen as a result of activities taking place without current planning permission both at the proposed site and elsewhere in the area. The Council was asked to object to the application which will be dealt with at the same SRBC Planning Committee meeting as that of Orchard Farm due to the similarity in concerns over traffic issues generally and for which this Council's comments have already been submitted.

SRBC Planning application 2009/0107 – Residents outlined their original concerns with regard to this application which had been revised in the light of their comments which were supported by this Council. The Clerk provided a short update following receipt of the SRBC officer report received only that day. The remaining issues with regard to opening times and car park lighting had been addressed with proposed conditions to be attached to the permission. It was felt that subject to the implementation of the conditions there were then no outstanding issues although a request might be made that the lighting design when submitted in full could be viewed by residents for comment before final agreement. Residents had no issues with security lighting but did not want lights to be on in the car park overnight.

The meeting was then re-convened.

57/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

LCC Application 07/09/0318 – Proposed Green Waste composting facility @ Dungeon Farm Skip Lane Hutton Preston.

It was resolved that this Council should object to this application in support of comments received from residents during public participation for the following reasons:

The proposals will potentially increase the number of vehicle movements on what are rural roads completely unsuitable for commercial traffic of the type needed to supply green waste to the site. (It is acknowledged that the application suggests a net reduction of vehicle movements due to the diversification of the activities at the farm. The Parish Council has concerns in respect of the validity of these claims since milk collection vehicles tend to call at more than one site and the withdrawal of one supplier would therefore not affect the network of vehicle movements and there is no objective evidence as to the number of green waste supply vehicles or their size)

In the light of a recent meeting between LCC and SRBC to discuss road traffic issues and vehicle movements in this and other areas close by this application should be considered along with other current applications being dealt with by SRBC on a global basis rather than as an individual case.

The development of open composting facilities even of a relatively small volume level will create an unacceptable level of odorous smells in the vicinity as already evidenced by the TEG operation close by and thereby affect neighbour amenity.

There are health issues relating to open composting sites due to bio-aerosols, spores and fungi which travel through the air and according to recent press reports may be dangerous to the health of nearby residents.

Unacceptable noise nuisance may emanate from the site due to the use of the necessary equipment and machinery something that has also been apparent at TEG close by and where it is understood recent measurements have confirmed a level of noise above the allowable level.

SRBC Application 2009/0017 – Change of use to allow van hire and storage of vans including the retention of a steel framed building for use as a steel fabrication extension to existing workshop with a proposed canopy over storage tank @ Grange Lane Garage Grange Lane Hutton PR4 5JE

It was resolved that this Council should object to this application in support of comments received from residents during public participation for the following reasons:

This Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds of Road Safety. The application would seem to be trying to regularise now established and unlawful activities which have already resulted in increased traffic and vehicle movements on what are totally unsuitable access roads for commercial vehicles. The overall position relating to these access roads is well documented with other applications in similar vein also being considered at the same time. The Parish Council support resident views that action must be taken to stop what appears to be an ever increasing development in this Green Belt area which is causing increased traffic to the detriment of road safety and the amenity of local residents not only on the direct access routes but also through Ratten Lane which can be used as a short cut to some site locations.

SRBC Application 2009/0107 – Demolition of 3 buildings and replacement with 3 new buildings to Class B1 (Business) @ former LCC Countryside depot including improved access road and parking area including retention of existing yard and hard standing to rear for vehicle plant storage. An amended plan has now been submitted which reduces the height of the proposed buildings. This Council using the Clerks delegated authority previously supported resident concerns with regard to a number of issues particularly relating to the overall height of the buildings which have now been reduced.

It was resolved that this Council should make comment on this application as follows:

Whilst in principle the amended application and SRBC Officer recommended conditions would seem to have met the previous concerns that had been raised this Council wishes to re-iterate particularly the need to ensure that opening hours are restricted to Mon-Fri 08.00 to 18.00 as set out in proposed condition 4 of the Officer Report and that local affected residents should be further consulted once the detailed arrangements for lighting in and around the car parking areas have been submitted in accordance with proposed condition 20 and that the car park lighting other than intermittent security lighting should not be turned on throughout the night.

58/09 PAYMENTS

000922	S Wiseman	Internal Audit	50.00
000923	A McEnnerney-Whittle	Newsletter Production	70.00
000924	Viking Direct	Stationery	49.49
000925	Newgate Nurseries	Planter Plants and Compost	63.37
000926	Printing World	Newsletter Printing	245.00
000927	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses June 2009	496.10
000928	Inland Revenue	1 st Quarter 2009/2010	378.50
000929	BDO	External Audit	155.25

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

59/09 LALC 65TH AGM

It was resolved that Cllr Mitchell should attend the above event as voting representative for Hutton Parish Council and that no formal resolutions should be submitted.

60/09 ANNUAL RETURN 31ST MARCH 2009

It was resolved that the Annual Return 31st March 2009 should be approved and accepted.

61/09 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 14th September 2009

CHAIRMAN