

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT:

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

7 members of the public were present.

17/08. APOLOGIES

Cllr Hesketh

18/08. MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 14th January 2008 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19/08. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20/08. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

- It was mentioned and the Clerk is to follow up with SRBC further incidents of the parking of sale vehicles on the public highway by Autorange.
- It was mentioned and the Clerk is to follow up the obtaining of more precise details from LCC with regard to the speed figures recently produced for various roads in the Parish.
- Mention was made that Cllr Mitchell had recently attended a meeting concerning Area Committees at which concerns had been raised with regard to SRBC following up conditions applied to planning applications.
- 2 residents asked that the Council make representation against the closure of the local Post Office on the grounds of value to the elderly, potential work overload at Longton Post office, parking issues in Longton & poor disabled access.
- A member of the public expressed her support for Hutton entering into the Best Kept Village Competition.
- It was mentioned that County Cllr Tomlinson had agreed to monitor parking around the Grammar School and respond to the concerns that had been raised from a number of sources including the Parish Council itself.
- Congratulations were offered in respect of the new web site which was considered excellent and good value for money.

The meeting was then re-convened.

21/08. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered.

2007/2008 – Erection of timber gazebo @ Hutton Grammar School situated on a piece of land to the southern side of the main school Liverpool Rd PR4 5SN

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

22/08. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000855	Artillus	Notice Board	344.93
000856	Quality Cartridge	Stationery Supplies	125.98
000857	Panasonic Ltd	Photocopier Lease up to October 2007	92.89
000858	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary January 2008	400.34
000859	Lea & Cottam PC	1/3 rd Share Clerks SLCC Subs 2008	53.66

000860	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Sal and Expenses February 2008	469.72
000861	Printing World Ltd	Web Site set up costs	502.31
000862	Panasonic Ltd	Photocopier lease & copy costs to Dec 2007	261.14
000863	Sandra Wiseman	Internal Audit fee 2006/7	50.00
000864	Lea & Cottam PC	1/3 rd Clerks Practitioners Conference Min 9/08 – 14 th January 2008	63.33

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

23/08. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2007

It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 2008 should be approved.

24/08. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was resolved that Hutton village should be entered into this years competition and that subject to the agreement of the parties concerned Ashbridge School, Hutton Police Entrance Area, the Recreation Ground Play Area and Millbrook Farm be entered into the Certificate of Merit section.

25/08. PROPOSED POST OFFICE CLOSURE

It was resolved that this Parish Council object to the proposed closure of Hutton Post Office for the following reasons:

1. That it was felt that there is insufficient capacity at the next nearest Post Office in Longton to absorb the transferred workload without there being excessive and a marked fall in service levels
2. That access for the disabled is less than satisfactory and significantly worse than at Hutton Post Office
3. That car parking issues already exist within Longton the next nearest Post Office and additional cars will exacerbate the existing issues resulting in the potential for a significant drop in road safety in what is already a very busy village centre.
4. That Hutton itself has a significant level of elderly residents who will be inconvenienced significantly in their ability to carry out general day to day business involving the use of the Post Office.

26/08. PROPOSED BARREL PLANTERS ON PUBLIC PAVEMENT FRONTING LOCAL SHOPS

LCC had refused permission to install barrel planters along the public pavement in front of the local shops due to Health and Safety concerns. Member had been asked to consider this decision.

It was resolved that an approach should now be made to the local shop owners enquiring as to whether they would allow the proposed planters to be placed on their own private frontage.

27/08. NEW NOTICE BOARD

It was resolved that the new notice board should be sited on Blackhurst Ave near to the post box subject to the agreement of the land freeholder now that a verbal agreement had been obtained from the Thornton Grange estate Management Committee.

28/08. PARKING ISSUES IN HUTTON

It was resolved that the Traffic and Living in Hutton working groups should investigate the problems caused by car parking in Hutton, particularly connected with Hutton Grammar School and report back to this Council with potential resolutions.

29/08. NEXT MEETING

It was resolved to confirm the next meeting as the 2nd April 2008

Chairman