

## HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009

PRESENT:

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

9 members of the public were present together with County Cllr Young who had been invited to address the meeting on local issues particularly relating to the current situation in respect of the request to Lancashire Locals to investigate further a speed reduction on the A59

01/09 APOLOGIES

None

02/09 MINUTES

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to an addition to minute 116/08 which should have and now reads as below:**

116/08 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORE STRATEGY

It was resolved that a corporate response should be made to the above consultation documents as follows:

- That this Council has a favorable opinion of the strategy as a whole
- That this Council endorses the policy for minor or minimal development to villages
- That this Council forward its specific comments as detailed below

Chapter 6 - Locating Growth and Investment Preferred Option – PCS1 - Page 44 – Hutton Parish Council support paragraph (g) regarding the nature and size of development within smaller villages.

Chapter 15 – Travel – Hutton Parish Council support Preferred Option – PCS 9 (h) – Page 140 regarding improvements to the road network which is a clear statement of ‘the best approach to planning for travel’

Paragraph 15.23 – Page 138 - Hutton Parish Council however feel that this section introduces some dilution of decisiveness and lack of urgency into these statements in respect of the Penwortham bypass and improving the A582 and linking to the A59. A better wording would be “...In the Western Parishes essential schemes are completion of the Penwortham bypass to relieve current serious congestion, improvements to the A582 and provision of a better link between the A59 and the M65, M6 and M61 motorways.

03/09 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.

04/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

**The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.**

**Cllr Young informed the meeting as follows:**

Full details of the recent accident on the A59 would not be available until the coroner’s report is published. This is due shortly however it is evident that the driver involved was travelling within the designated speed limit. Following this accident even more priority is being given to the recent ‘vulnerable user audit’ recently completed and confirmation has been received that many items will be dealt with quickly whilst some may still have to wait for available funding.

It seems that the recent request made at a Lancashire Locals meeting for officers to revisit the speed limit on the A59 has not been progressed since the results of the recent external consultation on speed limits generally is now available and has made no recommendation for any reduction. It was suggested that the Parish Council might wish to attend the

forthcoming LL meeting in order to make further representation since there was to be an agenda item on this matter. It was also suggested that the Parish Council might wish to attend the local PACT meeting to also make representation and ensure that the police were aware of the concerns since consultation with the police is instrumental to obtaining a speed restriction order.

In response to a concern with regard to pot holes on Anchor Drive it was intimated that work was to be done to improve the surface although this would not be until early in the next financial year. In the mean time and for safety reasons pot holes should continue to be reported to LCC so that the LCC response team could undertake temporary repairs until such time as the more permanent repairs could be done.

**Other issues raised by residents:**

Concern was again raised with regard to the activities being carried out at Orchard Farm without planning permission. It seems that a retrospective application had been submitted last November however the application was invalid and returned to the developer. Since nothing further had transpired and the situation had been going on for some long time it was indicated that the Parish Council might wish to write formally and request enforcement action in respect of the unauthorised activities.

Flooding issues were mentioned following the recent Area Committee meeting which had discussed this issue in the presence of approx 160 members of the public. The minutes of the Area Committee will be available shortly with full details. In the mean time and to ensure all issues have been identified residents are able to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Drainage issues around Hall Croft were also the subject of a meeting with Lee Foden (SRBC) and local residents recently and a meeting is to take place with Progress Housing to try to resolve the problem. It was also mentioned that blocked road gullies and drains remained a problem with what appeared to be a lack of general maintenance.

Autorange was again mentioned. The Chairman and Clerk had recently visited the site and found that the new manager was unaware of the recent document published by the Parish Council setting out details with regard to sale of vehicles on the highway etc. A copy is to be sent to him so that he is aware of the implications of breaching regulations.

Two members of the public raised concerns with regard to planning application number 2008/0919 and asked the Council to take on board their representations when the application was discussed later in the meeting.

£4748.16 had been raised across Hutton & Longton in response to the 2008 Poppy Appeal

Mention was made of a recent public meeting which discussed the Ribble Coast and Wetlands Regional Park which is set for completion in 2015.

**The meeting was then re-convened.**

05/09 SPEED LIMIT ON A59

Members had been asked to consider what further representation might be made with regard to obtaining a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph. Suggestions had already been put forward during public participation.

**It was resolved that Cllrs Gilbert & Parkes should be appointed as the Council's representatives to attend the next Lancashire Locals meeting and also the next PACT meeting to make representation on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the A59.**

06/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered.

2008/0919 – Change of use from existing shop class A1 to hot food takeaway class A5 @ 167 Liverpool Rd Hutton PR4 5FE

**It was resolved that representation should be made objecting to application as follows:**

- 1. Neighbour Amenity would be adversely affected due to increased noise and smells which would emanate from the development as a result of extractor and ventilation equipment systems**
- 2. Increased traffic issues due to potential traffic increase in what is already a congested area due to likely 'passing trade' particularly HGV's which would need to park in the vicinity and perhaps on Liverpool Rd itself thereby further congesting the main Hutton thoroughfare.**

**3. There is already a heavy proliferation of hot food takeaways in the immediate and surrounding areas and it is not felt that there is any justification or demand for more.**

**4. The change of use would contribute to a further reduction in village store type local facilities since there is no other local general store in the vicinity hence it would be detrimental to the amenities of local residents.**

**5. Disturbance to local residents is also likely to be caused as a result of the potential late opening hours of such establishments which tend to attract groups late at night causing additional noise and often litter problems.**

07/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000905	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses December 2008	421.67
000906	Inland Rev	Tax and NI - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008	418.48
000907	Hutton Village Hall	Room Hire 12 months to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	94.00
000908	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary and Expenses January 2009	464.54
000909	Longton Parish Council	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Share Clerks SLCC subs and Conference fee	118.66

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

08/09 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008

**It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts to the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2008 which had previously been circulated should be approved.**

09/09 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009

**It was resolved that Hutton should be entered into the 2009 competition and that notice of this should be published in Hutton News.**

10/09 PUBLIC E-GROUP SYSTEM

**It was resolved that an e-group system should be set up so as to allow residents to register their e-mail addresses and thus receive automatic circulation of agenda, clerks reports and other appropriate documents.**

11/09 INTERNAL AUDIT

**It was resolved that Sandra Wiseman should be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2008/9 at a fee of £50.00 and that approval should be given to the Terms of Reference and Internal Control and Suggested Testing Methodology as explained in the Parish and Town Council Audit Requirements Report all documents having been previously circulated.**

12/09 ORCHARD FARM

Members had been asked to consider whether this Council should now make formal representation concerning the activities being carried out at Orchard Farm which are believed to be outside current planning permission criteria.

**It was resolved that this Council should make formal representation to SRBC (Helen Hockenhull – Planning Manager) requesting enforcement action be taken in respect of activities being carried out at Orchard Farm which are believed to be outside current planning permissions.**

13/09 PACT

Members had been asked to consider whether this Council should appoint one of its members as the local PACT representative who would then attend PACT meetings on behalf of the Council in order to obtain feedback on local issues and provide an opportunity for Council concerns to be formally reported to the PACT for consideration.

**It was resolved that this item should be deferred until the next meeting**

14/09 NEXT MEETING

**The date of the next meeting is the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009**