

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 27th OCTOBER 2008

PRESENT:

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

4 members of the public were present.

91/08 APOLOGIES

Cllr Parkes

92/08 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 8th September 2008 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

93/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

94/08 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Mention was made of the recent Lancashire Locals meeting at which the A59 vulnerable user audit had been considered. Disappointment was expressed at the failure to consider a speed reduction to 50 miles per hour as had been requested by the Parish Council and others on a number of occasions. At the meeting a request was however made urging the officers of LCC to look into the request for a reduced speed limit. Mention had also been made of a full review of speed limits on the roads in Lancashire and a statement made that this work was not due for completion until 2010/2011. The Clerk to Hutton PC has challenged the statement with regard to the full review since he understood this to be the timing for the National road review and that in the case of Lancashire the review had already taken place using external consultants. Indeed a very recent conversation with the responsible officer at LCC had confirmed this. The Clerk had also been advised that the results would be cascaded down to Lancashire Local level within the next few months. Another member of the public reiterated concern with regard to Hutton roundabout and highlighted some of the dangers in support of any request for a speed limit reduction. It was left that the Parish Council would respond to the findings of the external consultation once the recommendations with regard to the A59 if any were known.

In response to a question it was stated that the Anchor Drive estate was due to have road repairs undertaken within this financial year and that a recent confirmation had been received from LCC to that effect although the scheduling of these repairs had not yet been set. The Parish Council is continuing to monitor this situation.

A member of the public commented that the proposed telecommunications mast to be discussed as an agenda item later might have been placed in a less conspicuous place.

Concern was expressed with regard to HGV traffic on Ratten Lane. It was reiterated that a meeting was being arranged involving some residents of Ratten Lane and the appropriate authorities including the Parish Council to discuss primarily traffic movements in and out of TEG but that it was likely that the discussions would extend to other possible causes of increased traffic movements generally.

The meeting was then re-convened.

The following planning applications were considered.

2008/0703 – Telecommunications determination for the erection of a 12m high street pole, 3 x shrouded antennae and an equipment cabin @ Highway Verge Adjacent Liverpool Rd Roundabout Hutton PR4 5SP

2008/0727 – Two storey side extension, single storey extension to front and rear, conservatory to rear, porch to front and alterations to front elevation following demolition of existing detached garage and existing single storey extension to rear @ 8 Saunders Close Hutton PR4 5SD

A debate took place concerning application 2008/0703 and information supplied which had become available since the agenda had been issued. The ward councillors for Hutton had specifically looked into this application and advised that the planning application was covered under a Town and Country Act Permitted Development Order since it was less than 15 metres high. Members were also advised that alternative sites had been examined by the applicant as required under their licence and that these were detailed in the Access and Design Statement submitted with the application.

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

96/08 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000890 Quality Cartridge	Stationery	129.25
000891 W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses September 2008	448.39
000892 Inland Revenue	Tax & NI qtr ended 30 th September 2008	367.77
000893 A McEnerney-Whittle	Newsletter production September	90.00
000894 W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses October 2008	451.89
000895 Lancs Training Partnership	Chairmanship Course	20.00

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

97/08 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Members had been asked to consider adopt and approve the new generic publication scheme (mandatory) and guide to information required under the Freedom of Information Act as previously circulated and as advised by the Information Commissioners Office which will come into force on the 1st January 2009 after which time any Council who has not adopted the model scheme and/or is not publishing in accordance with it will be in breach of the Act.

It was resolved that the new generic publication scheme (mandatory) and guide to information required under the Freedom of Information Act should be formally adopted.

98/08 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2008

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as the 30th September 2008 should be approved.

99/08 DEVELOPMENT OF LANCASHIRE LOCALS

Members had been asked to consider and if appropriate respond to the Consultation documents enclosed in respect of the Development of Lancashire Locals

It was resolved that the Consultation documents should be noted without comment.

100/08 HUTTON NEWS

Members had been asked to consider a report and recommendations in respect of the production costs for Hutton News.

A motion was put that the report and its recommendations should be adopted.

An amendment was proposed whereby a further estimate should be obtained prior to consideration of adoption.

The amendment was defeated.

It was then resolved that this Parish Council should approve the report and adopt its recommendations whereby Hutton News would in future be printed professionally using Printing World Ltd (currently used by both Longton and Lea & Cottam Parish Councils) who had provided an estimate at £245 per qtr and that the Clerks daughter continue to do the set up and design work but at a reduced figure of £70 per qtr.

101/08 CHRISTMAS TREE 2008

It was resolved that this Council should approve the cost of £511.37 (£500 already budgeted) as a contribution to the cost of the 2008 Christmas Tree which will be supported by the Western Parishes Area Committee to the extent of £700.00 (£1211.37 total costs)

102/08 POSSIBLE LOCATION OF A FUTURE PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE

Members had been asked by the Area Committee to consider whether there are were any appropriate sites within the parish which might be suitable for the erection of a permanent Christmas tree in order to reduce ongoing costs.

It was resolved that the Area Committee should be advised that the existing location was felt suitable for a permanent Christmas Tree although it should be noted that a short path running across the grassed area might need to be removed.

103/08 HUTTON NEWS – INPUT BY THE WESTERN PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

Members had been asked to consider in principle whether it would be appropriate for the Western Area Committee to be able to include articles in Hutton News subject to some agreement as to their making a contribution towards costs.

It was resolved that this Council had no objection in principle to the suggestion put forward provided that the content, amount of space and contribution to costs were agreed in advance by this Council.

104/08 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 8th December 2008

Chairman