

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: Councillors Parkes, Martin, Wilshere, Hesketh, Mitchell & Barton

3 members of the public were present together with 2 representatives from United Utilities

15/11 APOLOGIES

Cllr Thackeray

16/11 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th January 2011 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18/11 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A presentation was made by representatives from United Utilities concerning the Ribble Estuary & Coastal Waters Environment Improvement Scheme. Much work has now been completed however the project has met with a number of unforeseen issues. Currently one of the tunneling machines is trapped beneath ground covered with silt and water. This will need to be recovered and the machine refurbished before it can be brought back into use. Silt seepage has also occurred at some shafts causing further delays. It is now expected that the project will not be completed until March 2013 and that during much of this time road diversions will continue in the Preston area. Detailed information on the project and its progress can be accessed on the United Utilities web site www.unitedutilities.com/prestonuid.

A number of concerns were raised with regard to the speed indicator devices used in the western parishes. The Clerk was able to confirm that Hutton Parish Council jointly owned one of them, that it was managed on their behalf by SRBC and that the data produced was passed to the police. It was acknowledged that the data did not record every vehicle since it could only pick up the first vehicle in any convoy and that battery life was dependant on vehicular traffic levels often meaning that it ran out before being taken down. The Clerk stated that whilst the data average percentages may be indicative of speed ranges they should certainly not be relied upon as evidential information relating to total vehicle movements or overall speeds.

Parking obstruction issues have once again been noticed at the garage by Hutton roundabout. These have been reported to police at the local PACT meeting.

A resident raised concerns with regard to properties along Liverpool Rd ostensibly operating commercial enterprises from residential properties. It was suggested that these should be reported to the 'enforcement officer' at SRBC planning dept. The Clerk agreed to assist the resident in reminding SRBC of their responsibilities to investigate should the issues continue to occur.

The meeting was then re-convened.

19/11 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

NUMBER	PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT
000984	County Training Partnership	Courses Finance & Chairmanship	50.00
000985	Lancs Best Kept Village Comp	Entry Fee	20.00
000986	SLCC	Practitioners Conference 1/3 rd share	64.66
000987	Viking Direct	Stationery & Postage	43.48
000988	SRBC	Christmas Tree	1153.64

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved

20/11 SOUTH RIBBLE COMMISSIONING PLAN DISCUSSION PAPER

Members had been asked to consider a response to the South Ribble Commissioning Plan Discussion Paper. This has been issued under the umbrella of the new pilot Three Tier Forum arrangements. Any responses from this Council would go to the South Ribble TTF representative for collation and composite response on behalf of all Local Councils in this area.

It was resolved that the discussion paper be noted, that no response should be made via the TTF representative but that enquiries should be made seeking clarification to a proposal in the documents to install a 'puffin crossing' on the A59 near to the roundabout since the Parish Council were unaware of the proposal.

21/11 RISK ASSESSMENT – ASSET REGISTER – FINANCIAL CONTROL

It was resolved that the following documents should be approved subject to two minor amendments to the Risk Management Register 2011

- **The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2011**
- **The Councils Risk Management Register 2011**
- **The Councils Asset Register 2011**
- **The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2011**

22/11 LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT 2011 - 2012

It was resolved that the lengthsman's contract for 2011/12 should be renewed on the same basis as last year, the hourly rate of pay being £12.20 per hour and that the Chairman and Clerk should be authorised to sign the said contract on behalf of this Council.

23/11 CHANGE OF DATE MAY 2011 MEETING DUE TO ELECTIONS

Members had been asked to approve a change of date for the May meeting due to the timing of local elections. The APCM must be held within 14 days of the elections which take place on the 5th May 2011 – Provisionally the next meeting had been set for the 9th May 2011 however this date was too early since it did not provide sufficient time for a lawful agenda to be issued to the newly elected members. Since the clerk was unavailable on the 16th May a change of day will also be required. The only available free date at the Village Hall was Friday 13th May 2011.

It was resolved that the APCM should be held on the 13th May 2011

24/11 NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting should be 4th April 2011

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

CHAIRMAN