

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL
ON 5TH DECEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:

Councillors Parkes, Gilbert, Barton, Mitchell, Martin and Hastewell

3 members of the public were present together with 2 invited representatives from South Ribble Borough Council and 3 invited representatives from United Utilities.

80/11 APOLOGIES

Cllr Hesketh

81/11 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 10th October 2011 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

83/11 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A representative from United Utilities provided an update relating to the Ribble Estuary and Coastal Waters Environment Improvement Scheme which was now directly affecting Hutton due the significant level of vehicle movements to transport equipment and materials to the site works on the Hutton side of the estuary. Concern was raised that previous promises that United Utilities would provide movement schedules had not been fulfilled although recently general information had been provided and had been uploaded to the Parish Council web site. It was acknowledged that vehicle movements were far greater than originally planned due mainly to the changes in works as a result of setbacks to the original scheme which had had to be redrawn as a result. Mention was made that further significant vehicle movements would be taking place particularly in January when concrete mix would be delivered to the site involving approx 90 deliveries during the this time. United Utilities confirmed that they would be advising affected residents not only for these movements but also other necessary movements throughout next year. It was agreed that they would cover Liverpool Road residents as part of these exercises. It was also agreed that they would provide to the Parish Council a schedule of vehicle movements although it had to be accepted that the works were fluid and changes might well be needed. United Utilities confirmed that they are also working closely with LCC with regard to the Traffic Management Plan which was now being updated yet again. Mention was made that deliveries were still being made during school start and finish times contrary to a previous agreement not to do this for safety reasons. United Utilities will attend the next Council meeting in January in order to provide further updates on work progress.

Mark Gaffney and Derek Sutton from SRBC introduced themselves and made a short presentation concerning local neighbourhood services. They also responded to questions from members and the public. A number of local issues were raised by members and the public who were present covering, dustbins left out on pavements following collections, cycle paths and footways becoming slippery and dangerous due to fallen leaf accumulation particularly in wet weather, general litter problems especially between Ratten Lane and the bus shelter going towards Preston, undergrowth reducing the width of pavements(LCC Issue), football teams using recreation ground outside permitted times and leaving litter, signage re use of playground being too small and a question as to whether the football pitch was in fact too close to the playground. Mark and Derek made notes and took away the issues for further investigation. Following a question it was re-iterated that local issues should be reported using Gateway or the SRBC web site so that issues could be tracked, dealt with and regular occurrences monitored.

A number of concerns were then raised in respect of the LDF consultation which was to be dealt with later on the agenda as follows:

- An apparent inconsistency relating to the definition of appropriate development in the outlying villages of SR item 3.6 Page 9 (development will be confined to small scale infill) and item 7.44 page 35 (allocation of land in Hutton for 45 houses)
- A suggestion that housing should be located near to employment in order to reduce carbon emissions and not in Hutton where no employment exists

- A mention that the proposals for housing development in Hutton flew in the face of the Village Plan page 12 which stated that residents had a widespread resistance to further development in the village especially on Greenfield sites and wished to retain the existing character and heritage of Hutton
- That existing road congestion on Liverpool Road in particularly at school starts and finish times was a major bar to the housing development proposed in Hutton, something that had been identified in previous planning inspector's reports and was probably presently worse than previously due to the expansion of Hutton Grammar School's sixth form.
- That a possible alternative access to the proposed site for housing development via Anchor Drive would equally exacerbate congestion in that area in what is an existing housing development
- Mention was made that the removal of the small wood adjacent to the proposed housing development site would impact local visual amenity
- That drainage in the area is poor, exhibits signs of flooding during heavy rain and does not have the capacity to take further surface water from the proposed development which is itself located in a heavily saturated area.
- Mention was made that the wording Page 14 justification 4.22 was misleading in that it gave the impression that SRBC was now in favour of the Penwortham by Pass Brown Route despite the protection afforded to the Blue Route corridor which was the already stated preferred option of Hutton Parish Council

The meeting was then re-convened.

84/11 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Members had been asked to consider representation to the following Consultations:

- Core Strategy Proposed Housing Related Changes (details having previously been circulated)
- SRBC Preferred Site Allocations Plan Consultation (details having previously been circulated)
- Policy C4 BAE Systems, Samlesbury (additional policy to SRBC PSAPC – (papers having been enclosed with the agenda)

It was resolved that objections should be made to the Site Allocations Plan as below in line with the comments received during public participation and that the Core Strategy Housing Changes and Policy C4 should be noted.

POLICY A2 – THE COMPLETION OF PENWORTHAM BYPASS

Whilst this Council appreciate that land will be protected from physical development for the completion of Penwortham Bypass we are concerned at the wording of justification 4.22 which states that 'the Council would support a road as indicated on the proposals map (the Brown Route)'

This gives the impression that SRBC have already committed to the 'Brown Route' and it is suggested that this paragraph (4.22) should stop after the first sentence or at least remove any reference to 'support' so as to make it clear that whilst reconsideration might be needed, any decision would only be made after appropriate consultation. Hutton Parish Council remains of the view that the only sensible route to reduce traffic congestion in the locality is the 'Blue Route' as indicated in previous consultations.

LOCATING GROWTH IN SOUTH RIBBLE

Page 9 ref 3.6 makes reference to development in 'other places' indicating that in such places (which includes Hutton) development will be confined to small scale infill, conversion and local needs.

Page 35 ref 7.44 states that a Greenfield site north of Liverpool Rd will be allocated for low density residential accommodation which is also indicated in Policy D1 as capable of providing 45 dwellings.

This council feel that there is a significant level of inconsistency between the two references and would suggest therefore that the potential development is removed from the 'Allocation of Housing Sites' so as to meet the generic policy statement as set out on Page 9 ref 3.6

ALLOCATION OF HOUSING SITES REF N LAND NORTH OF LIVERPOOL RD HUTTON

This Council objects to the site allocation as above for the following reasons:

- It is the view of Hutton Parish Council that housing development should be located near to employment in order to reduce carbon emissions emanating from increased travel to work. Since Hutton itself provides little employment it is our opinion that housing in the proposed location would be wholly inappropriate
- It is the view of HPC that this proposed development also flies in the face of Hutton Village Plan 2007 whereby it was identified on Page 12 that there was a ‘widespread resistance to further new development in the village especially on Greenfield sites. It was clear from various consultations that villagers are keen to retain the existing character and heritage of Hutton’. It was also stated that development should be ‘limited to conversions or very small infill type plots’ which supports the statement in the LDF regarding ‘Locating Growth In South Ribble’ as detailed above (Page 9 ref 3.6)
- It remains the view of HPC that development of this site would create additional congestion on Liverpool Road in what is already an over congested area during the Grammar School starting and finishing times and when school events are held and that this would be detrimental to road safety. In late 1990 at a public enquiry relating to the SRBC Local Plan an Inspectors Report stated that *‘of greater concern is the serious congestion and hazards to road users which are daily occurrences during school terms due to buses and cars stopping on the highway to load and off load pupils attending the Grammar School, provision of these facilities is a pre-requisite of development of the allocation land if an unacceptable increase in congestion is to be avoided but no acceptable proposal for these facilities has been achieved’* It is fair to say that the position since 1990 has worsened with the expansion of Hutton Grammar School and that this Council can only see a marked further deterioration should this site ever be developed. The Council would suggest that the site is withdrawn.
- This Council also considers that any alternative access via Anchor Drive would be equally unacceptable due to congestion in that area and the location of an existing housing development where residents would be adversely affected by any significant increase in vehicular movements.
- It is also noted that a small wood exists in the vicinity which would if removed have an adverse effect on the local visual amenity
- It is also of concern that there are existing drainage issues in the immediate vicinity, regular flooding occurs during heavy rainfall and the site itself is believed to have a high level of water saturation. Development would therefore transfer substantial amounts of surface water into what is believed to be a drainage system which appears to be over loaded and unable to cope with existing peak rainfall situations

85/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 2011/0755 to raise the roof height to existing conservatory to the rear @ 6 Rawsthorne Crescent Hutton

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above application

86/11 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

NUMBER	PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT
001012	Longton PC	Lengthsman Contribution	4002.80
001013	LALC	Member Attendance at Autumn Conference	70.00

87/11 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as at 30th September 2011 which had been circulated with the agenda should be approved

88/11 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DONATION

Members had been asked to consider the level of donation to the Royal British Legion for 2011 (it had been the practice to make a donation of £25 each year which also covered the cost of the poppy wreath which is laid on behalf of the Parish Council)

It was resolved that a donation of £50 should be made.

Members had been asked to approve payment of a one third share of the Clerk's 2012 SLCC membership subscription (approx total £190) and attendance and previous overnight stay costs at the Practitioners Conference 2012 @ Daventry (approx £304) being a combined **net cost to each Council for whom he works of approx £132.00 (last year £135)** having allowed for a bursary grant of £99.00 which will be applied for in the name of Hutton Parish Council who are the only qualifying Council

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

90/11 PRECEPT 2012/2013

Members had been asked to consider the circulated budget for 2012/2013 and agree a Precept for that same year.

It was resolved that the draft budget should be accepted and the precept for 2012/13 set at the same figure as last year namely £16000.00

91/11 HUTTON NEWS ADVERTISING RATES

Members had been asked to consider papers which had been circulated with the agenda concerning suggested Hutton News advertising rates

It was resolved that the following advertising rates should be adopted:

13cm x 13cm block £50.00

13cm x 6cm block £25.00

It was further resolved that free advertising should be provided only to 'not for profit organisations' and that the size of Hutton News should not be increased at this time.

It was noted that the lead time for printing had been reduced to two weeks (date of submission to printer to date of receipt)

92/11 POND / WILDLIFE AREA ON RECREATION GROUND

Members had been asked to consider approaching SRBC with regard to the feasibility of creating a pond/wildlife area towards the rear of the recreation ground by Longton Brook and to include it on the 'My Neighbourhood' wish list

It was resolved that no approach should be made with regard to a feasibility study but that the suggestion should be forwarded to SRBC with a view to its inclusion on the 'My Neighbourhood' Forum wish list

93/11 ASHBRIDGE SCHOOL

Members had been asked to consider issuing a letter of support to Ashbridge Independent School supporting in principle their submission to Sport England for the funding to create a Multi Use Sports facility which would if created be available for the use of other groups at minimal costs.

It was resolved that a letter of support 'in principle' subject to detailed specifications and usage proposals should be sent to Ashbridge School.

94/11 PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON PART OF SAUNDERS LANE

Members had been asked to consider whether any comments should be made in response to the proposed prohibition of waiting on part of Saunders Lane as per legal notice enclosed with the agenda

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above proposal.

95/11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was confirmed as the 23rd January 2012

The meeting ended at 10.20pm

CHAIRMAN