

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON
VILLAGE HALL ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2008**

PRESENT:

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

4 members of the public were present.

77/08 APOLOGIES

Cllr Hesketh

78/08 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 7th July 2008 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

80/08 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Fiona Scott-Wilson gave a short presentation concerning the work of Fire Safety Practitioners recommending that residents should take up the free offer from the Fire and Rescue Service to have their homes checked out for fire risk. She stressed that this was not just about smoke alarms but also about home safety including making sure everyone in a household knew what to do and where to go in the event of a fire.

The Clerk advised that item 7 on the agenda referring to the use of additional Highway funding was no longer appropriate. There had been a misunderstanding with regard to the level of consultation that was to be made with regard to the use of the funds. The decisions had already been made by Lancashire Locals and there had been on intention to consult local parishes due to timescales.

A couple of questions were asked and clarification was provided in respect of the proposed Standing Orders which were due for deliberation and decision as a later agenda item.

Comment was expressed concerning the draft LCC Charter. It was stated that the draft Charter contained fine words and it was hoped that this would turn out to be the reality of the situation in the future.

Mention was made of overhanging trees by the Lindle Lane bus stop. These had now been cut back and the debris cleared.

An update was provided from the working party involved with the A59 Vulnerable User Audit. A copy of a response provided to LCC by the working group was handed out.

Members were asked to think about possible village improvements which might attract future Green Partnership Award funding.

Mention was made of litter and overgrown tree branches at the corner of Ratten Lane. The Clerk stated that the lengthsman does provides additional litter picking in that area above and beyond that provided by SRBC and that the issue of the overgrown branches causing visibility issues would be looked at.

The meeting was then re-convened.

81/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered.

- 2008/0549 – Extension to side, creation 3 dormers to front and 1 dormer to rear with balcony attached over existing two storey extension to rear @ Rawsthorne House Skip Lane Hutton PR4 5LD
- 2008/0558 – Erection of attached garage to side @ 3 Ratten Lane Hutton PR4 5TE
- 2007/1165 – Conversion of barn into dwelling with detached garage following demolition of redundant farm buildings @ Rear of Guild Farm Grange Lane Hutton PR4 5JE
- 2008/0505 – Widening of vehicle access @ 211 Liverpool Rd Hutton PR4 5FE
- 2008/0553 – Two storey extension to rear and canopy over existing front window @ 4 Lindle Lane Hutton PR4 4AP

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

82/08 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000886 W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses July & Aug 2008	933.38
000887 CPRE	Annual Subscription 2008	28.00
000888 Panasonic	Quarterly Lease Photocopier	132.92
000889 BDO	BDO – External Audit	158.63

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

83/08 HIGHWAYS FUNDING

It was resolved that in the light of the additional information received from the Clerk during public participation that this agenda item should be withdrawn.

84/08 ANNUAL RETURN 2008

It was resolved that the Annual Return 2007/8 which had received a ‘clean’ external auditors report should be accepted and approved.

85/08 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH JUNE 2008

It was resolved that the Financial statement to the 30th June 2008 should be approved.

86/08 STANDING ORDERS

It was resolved that this Parish Council should approve and adopt the revised standing orders which had been prepared and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

87/08 LCC CHARTER

It was resolved that the draft Charter should be noted and that no comment need be made at this time.

88/08 QUALITY STATUS

It was resolved that it should be noted that this Parish Council had now been awarded Quality Status and that the formal presentation should take place at the LALC AGM in November 2008

89/08 TRAINING WORKSHOPS

It was resolved that Cllr Gilbert should attend both the Planning Workshop & Chairmanship Skills Workshop on the 29th October and 15th October respectively at a total cost of £40.00

90/08 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 27th October 2008