

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008

My first task in this report is to pay tribute to my predecessor Roger Mitchell. Roger joined the Parish Council about 15 years ago and has been a valuable servant to Hutton residents and to the Parish Council over this time. He took over Chairmanship of the Council 5 years ago from John Wilshere and during his time in office he has taken on many extra duties in addition to his role as Chairman, some of these brought about by fellow Councillors being unavailable to represent the Council.

Councillors are grateful to Roger for his loyalty not only to the Council but also the villagers as a whole.

On behalf of Hutton Parish Council and myself, as Rogers' successor, I would formally like to thank him for his work during his 5 years as Chairman and I am sure I speak for all councillors when I say 'Thank you Roger, we wish you good health for the future'

During the past year the makeover of the pond at the Village Hall has been the highlight of the year for our village. Preparations for this work were started 2 years ago by our then Parish Clerk Lynn Hamer. Lynn put in many hours arranging meetings and site visits with 'Ponds for People' and SRBC to ensure we got the right makeover. The pond looks great however it is hoped that more work can be carried out along the side of the pond behind the changing rooms perhaps some woodland type plants wood help to create the 'woodland' effect.

Plans are in hand to improve the appearance to the entrance to the Village Hall and Greg Clerk, landscape officer to SRBC has come up with some designs which personally I find quite exciting.

In early 2008 we set up the Parish Council web site and I am grateful to Bill our Parish Clerk for all the work he has put into getting the web site up and running. It serves as a valuable information tool and provides guidance to residents on whom to contact with regard to complaints concerning problems they face within the village on a day to day basis.

During the coming months a new Parish Council notice board will be sited on the Grange Development, we will see half barrel planters being installed outside the shops and we are appreciative of the support of the local businesses who have agreed to allow us to site them on their own frontage given we were unable to obtain LCC permission to site them on the traffic island between the service road and Liverpool Rd due to road safety issues.

The Speed Indicator Device has now been upgraded and has recently been used in various parts of the village.

The Council have continuing concerns with regard to road safety around Hutton Grammar School with on street parking especially at school start and finish times. A report is still awaited from LCC concerning how they might see the problems being resolved.

During the next 12 months Hutton Parish council will strive to meet all the requirements needed to become a Quality Parish Council.

Finally, I am sure that all Councillors regret the recent decision by Royal Mail to close Hutton Post Office something the village has had the benefit of since the late 1890's

George Gilbert
Chairman

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

INCOME

Income is in line with the revised budget figures presented to the 30th September 2007.

EXPENDITURE

The majority of expenditures are generally in line with the forecast position presented with the 2008/9 budget and precept forecast.

Village Plan expenditure is only £522 representing mainly the new web site costs allocated to this category. This means that £1178 of the budget is unspent at the end of the financial year. This would normally revert to reserves however due to the historic setting off of Village Plan expenditure in the accounts and a further allocation under this heading in 2008/9 together with incomes received specifically earmarked for the Village Plan it may be prudent to carry fwd this figure as part of the 2008/9 budget and add to it the contributions from the community account £140.43 and SRBC grant £130.00. This will mean £1448 being added to the 2008/9 Village Plan budget of £1000 and a continuance at least for the current year of a separate heading within the Councils accounting system.

SUMMARY

The accounts show a carry forward position of £3296 however allowing for the calculations above this only represents a reserve position of slightly less than £2000 broadly in line with the forecast position provided in September 2007 on which the 2008/9 Precept requirement was established which seeks to increase the reserve position at the end of the current financial year to nearer £3800.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle
Responsible Financial Officer

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2007/2008

FINANCIAL STATE- MENT 1ST APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH			
REVISED			
BUDGET	INCOME	£	£
3157	Balance b/f 1st April 2007		3156.89
13646	Precept	13,646.00	
250	Bank Interest	296.62	
1536	V A T Recovered	1,535.67	
130	Village Plan SRBC GRANT	130.00	
140	Village Plan community account	140.43	
350	RAMBERS GRANT	350.00	
292	CONT LONGTON RE STRIMMER	292.28	
120	Advertising	120.00	
300	Bench Grant	300.00	
5000	Pond Project	5,000.00	
38	Insurance Reimbursement	38.11	
	Total		21849.11
24959			25006.00
	LESS EXPENDITURE		
	S137	39.00	
80	Hire of Hall for Meetings	90.00	
1700	Village Plan Implementation	522.50	
630	Subscriptions/Registrations	574.84	
3400	Lengthsman	3400.00	
850	Insurance	800.34	
200	Materials, bulbs etc.	165.01	
485	Vat Recoverable	778.14	
5750	Clerk salary	5871.88	
700	Photocopier costs	592.85	
80	Training	63.33	
800	Stationery	815.08	
100	Postage	40.38	
100	Telephone	70.12	
400	Mileage	371.07	
500	Bus Shelters/Notice Boards	497.56	
135	Audit	185.00	
334	Xmas Tree	333.79	
	National Insurance	43.04	
500	Projects	276.60	
497	Strimmer	497.50	
304	Laser Printer	303.68	
4858	Pond Project	4885.43	
173	Advertisement (new clerk)	172.80	
240	Newsletter Staff Costs	320.00	
22816			21709.94
2143	Balance in hand		3296.06