

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- The Dungeon Farm planning application relating to the production of compost was dealt with at the last LCC Committee meeting in early November. A final decision was deferred in order to give committee members an opportunity to visit the site and assess the road safety issues which have been raised themselves.
- A Public Meeting took place on the 30th November 2009 at the Village Hall concerning future development in Hutton particularly relating to road safety issues which have been raised by residents following a spate of recent planning applications both new and retrospective which it is felt will have a detrimental impact upon the local community.
- The local police have once again been informed of obstructive parking on the access road to the Sylhet restaurant and have again spoken to the culprits concerned.
- Parking at the junction of Liverpool Rd / Tolsey drive continues to be a local issue. LCC have said they will raise the issue at the next Road Safety Partnership meeting for discussion.
- Members may be aware from the local press that bus service 2A has been withdrawn by Stagecoach. Local concern in Longton/New Longton was triggered by the withdrawal that meant the only bus service between Longton and New Longton has been cancelled and replaced by an on demand taxi service. The service has been withdrawn on cost grounds. LCC have looked at the situation but are unable to provide the £75K required to maintain this service although a substitute 3B service has been introduced to mitigate some of the effects of the withdrawal. This did not however at that stage re-establish any connection between Longton and New Longton. Members might wish to note that Hutton has also been marginally affected since the 2A came through Hutton and effectively meant that in conjunction with the No 2 service local residents had a 15 minute service through to Preston and Longton which will now be reduced to an half hourly service. Discussions have been going on since the withdrawal to see if the 2A service could be re-introduced. Regretfully LCC are still unable to fund the £75K required to do this although a compromise has been reached with regard to the Longton / New Longton connection and some re-routing of the 3B has been proposed which will re-establish this connection all be it on an hourly basis. The Clerk has been privy to the recent meetings discussing alternatives to the withdrawal in his capacity as Clerk to Longton PC and has taken the opportunity to raise the issue of the reduced service which will be experienced in Hutton. LCC have again confirmed that they will not be providing the required £75K subsidy which is required in order to re-introduce the 2A. At a meeting this week it was however mentioned that Stagecoach are looking at the No 2 service and the potential to improve the regularity of this service which would then be to the benefit of Hutton residents.
- The Village Hall forecourt/area improvement scheme has now been agreed with SRBC and is awaiting the approval of the Area Committee. There is however a slight shortfall between the cost and the available 106 monies which will need to be met if all of the improvements are to be undertaken.