

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- The Dungeon Farm planning application relating to the production of compost has now been determined by LCC. It is understood that as part of the permission there will be a 106 agreement that will restrict access to the site through Skip Lane and that no access shall be made via Ratten Lane.
- Following the Public Meeting which 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 it was agreed that traffic counts would take place on Ratten Lane and that the determination of the Orchard Farm application would not be made until the figures had been produced. This has meant a further delay in determination which will hopefully now go to the February SRBC Planning Committee meeting.
- The planning application for 101 Liverpool Rd has been granted subject to some conditions including opening hours, an odour assessment and ventilation design approval. Copy decision notice is attached for member's information.
- The enclosed schedule shows details of 'free' training which is available to Council Members and is provided by Team Lancashire. If you wish to attend any session please follow the instructions on the schedule to reserve your place.
- The above public consultation has now been released and comments can be made up to the 19th February 2010. The 139 page consultation can be found at <http://lancashire-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> through which comments may also be submitted. Hard copies are available at main libraries and local council offices which include details of how to comment. A 'drop-in' session has also been arranged for 25th January 2010 between 2.00pm and 7.30pm @ Preston Harris Library. If anyone feels that something has been missed, can find a better way to plan for the area's mineral and waste requirements or improve upon the options set out they are invited to provide details. Since this is a public consultation it does not require a corporate council specific response however members may wish to respond individually. There are no identified allocations within Hutton Parish boundaries
- A recent initiative took place at Ashbridge Primary School when pupils joined forces with their local Neighbourhood Policing Team to take part in a speed camera exercise. Officers used the hand held camera to record speeds of motorists and those stopped then had the option of a fixed penalty notice or speaking to pupils of the school to answer questions about why they were speeding. The children also highlighted to the motorists the dangers and consequences that speeding can cause to others. An excellent initiative which was very well received.
- The Best Kept Village competition report has now been received. It says that the majority of properties in the village were in very good condition but that there were one or two exceptions. The merit submissions were favourably commented upon. It is the entrance to Hutton and the village centre which lets the village down. The bus shelters had a neglected look, and the inn and surroundings needed sweeping. The buildings to the rear of the inn were reported to be in a poor state of repair. Weeds around the tennis courts behind the village hall were also adversely commented upon. Members may wish to consider how these comments can be addressed and put forward solutions for future consideration of the Council.