

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL CLERK'S REPORT (Information only) as at 31st August 2008

GREENACRES

The completion of the 8 bungalows for the elderly was officially opened by the Mayor of SRBC at a short ceremony attended by Progress Housing, SRBC officials and members of the Parish Council. The occupancy criteria for this long awaited development have now been confirmed and were presented to members of the Parish Council at a meeting held at the offices of Progress Housing. Whilst there are some 'need' and 'financial' criteria attached to the occupancy rules they do give priority to Hutton residents or those who have family connections in Hutton who are over 55 and can demonstrate a need for low cost housing. Should the properties not be filled using these criteria then the properties will be allocated in an ever increasing circle starting with Longton then Little/Much Hoole, Farington and Penwortham and finally persons residing in South Ribble. The selection process for the properties has been completed and 7 out of 8 occupancies will relate to Hutton residents or those with family connections to Hutton.

VILLAGE HALL GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

No further progress has been made with regard to the improvements suggested from available 106 monies. Issues are still present with regard to drainage and the Parish Council await further information from the Village Hall Committee prior to arranging a further site meeting with SRBC to discuss the works to be done.

GREEN PARTNERSHIP AWARDS SCHEME

A formal Certificate has been received from the Green Partnership Awards Scheme following completion of the half barrel planter project in front of the local shops in the village.

QUALITY STATUS

Hutton Parish Council has achieved Quality Status and a presentation will be made later in the year at venue still to be agreed.

BAMFORD'S WOOD

Following development in the area of the wood some time ago concern was raised with regard to damage that was evident to trees in the wood as a result of what was thought to be the unlawful cessation of a drain. After much effort it was established that a drain had been wrongly ceased and the land owners Myerscough College had to take legal action to obtain remedial action on the part of the developers. Through the ensuing court award work has now been completed to re-instate a new drain and Myerscough College have also renewed pipes from the wood to this new drain so that excess water should now flow away. The damaged trees are being looked at by Myerscough College and monitored to ensure no further deterioration takes place and any remedial works are undertaken as required. Another long outstanding issue resolved.

RATTEN LANE

Following enquiries by this Parish Council we were able to ensure that the grass areas adjacent to Liverpool Rd were cut along with the main verges in the area. In addition our lengthsman strimmed an area underneath the mature trees resulting in the area looking very attractive.

Enquiries were also made with regard to damaged verges in this area as a result of building works at one of the houses in that area. It has been established that remedial work will be undertaken by the developer once the building works are complete. LCC will monitor the position.

AUTO RANGE

Advertising hoardings have been noticed on the highway outside the above garage. SRBC planning enforcement has confirmed that they will look into the situation and take action if this is deemed to be required.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle (Clerk & RFO)