

# HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL CLERK'S REPORT (Information only) JANUARY 2009

- A PUBLIC consultation document has been issued by the dept for Communities and Local Government in respect of an update to the recommended practice on local authority publicity. This consultation is open to anyone to respond however views are sought **from local authority members and local government officials in particular**. Any parish council member who wishes to respond may locate the document on the web site [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk) or where they are unable to access the internet by contacting the Clerk who will be able to supply a hard copy.
- The notice board in front of the local shops is owned by the Village Store. Permission has been received from the owners for its permanent removal which will be done by our lengthsman.
- Following an enquiry from one of the Parish Council Members relating to the refurbishment of the playground by the Village Hall in Hutton and why it seemed that other playgrounds were being refurbished whilst this one in Hutton was not it was decided to ask what policy existed in SRBC generally for the refurbishment of playgrounds. The following response has been received which also covers the potential switching of grass cutting contracts from LCC to SRBC. In the mean time our lengthsman has been asked to paint the fencing around the playground with appropriate preservative as soon as possible but bearing in mind that the wood will need to dry out first.

### PLAYGROUND & GRASS CUTTING INFORMATION

I have looked in to this and Hutton was originally scheduled for 2014 / 15, however this programme has fallen behind schedule slightly and I would suggest we will be carrying out a review of when and where refurbishment works are to be carried out in the future.

It is still to be confirmed but it is highly likely that there will be no capital funded replacement programme in 2009 / 10, with the only works being those funded through 106 monies, what happens in future years has yet to be determined, this will obviously be dictated by members.

The council are currently working with LCC on a pilot project the aim of which is for South Ribble to take over the provision of a number of services currently provided by LCC, grass verges form part of this and there is a political pressure for this to happen, so it highly likely that all the verges within South Ribble will be cut by South Ribble and where possible we will look at providing an enhanced service of 10 cuts as opposed to the current specification of 5.

Once we have any further information I will let you know.

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