

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- The long awaited decision by SRBC Planning Committee concerning Orchard Farm has finally been made. Permission has been granted for storage and distribution facilities subject to a number of conditions which are set out in the decision notice available from SRBC Planning Dept.
- A public meeting took place on the 24th march 2010 hosted by TEG. They outlined their current position advising that enforcement action in respect of the quantity of waste stored at the site by the Environment Agency had accelerated their plans to relocate to a larger site elsewhere in Lancashire. Composting activities have already permanently stopped. They will retain the premises however they have not yet established what its future use might be other than it will not be used for waste management activities.
- At the time of writing SRBC have not made any decision with regard to future 106 money usages. This is likely to be dealt with under the new LDF policies currently being put together. The proposed LDF policies will in due course go out to public consultation. It is expected that existing 106 monies will be used for existing agreed purposes. The village hall ground improvements are expected to go to the next Area Committee for approval.
- Road sweeping in Hutton is undertaken by SRBC using their one and only road sweeping vehicle. Hutton is on schedule M35 which covers all roads in Hutton and also New Longton. The target is to undertake 5 road sweeps per year although in practice this is not likely to be achieved for a number of reasons. The sweeps are done on a rolling schedule across the borough which means there are no specific dates for any area. M35 was done in March, June and September 2009 and at the time of our enquiry a few weeks ago was due to be done again. The reasons for delays to the rolling schedule include breakdown, emergency spillages, leaf clearance, one off additional cleaning requirements and last year adverse winter weather conditions. Any delay throws back the rolling schedule particularly in the Autumn when leaves are falling (despite an additional road sweeper being hired in) & in practice it is more likely that only 4 sweeps per year will take place. It was acknowledged that M35 has not been done since September last year due to a combination of delays caused by leaves and winter weather conditions in particular. The rolling schedule is now up and running once again. Where a specific problem occurs between sweeps reports should be sent to SRBC (using the Online Facilities or their Gateway Contact Centre) who will consider doing an extra sweep although it should be borne in mind that in doing this a further delay will occur to the rolling schedule.
- Gully / Drain Maintenance is undertaken by LCC. Historically this has been done by the Burscough office of LCC Highways and it has been confirmed that scheduled cleaning was undertaken in September 2009 and February 2010. The responsibility for Hutton area going forward did however change from April 2010 when it came under the responsibility of South Ribble office of LCC. (Nigel Morris 538543) New schedules have been drawn up taking into account the location of drains etc which means different schedules for different locations. The Clerk holds a copy which is available upon request. LCC also confirm that if there are any issues with drains/gullies reports should be made direct to LCC using the online facilities on the LCC web site or by telephoning their contact centre.