

**HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL
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A QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL



HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTENDS TO ALL ITS RESIDENTS BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING HAPPINESS TO ALL

UNITED UTILITIES PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING

Representatives from United Utilities undertook a formal and interesting presentation to both Council members and the public at the October Council meeting. As many of you will now know a significant development is on the verge of commencement which will affect residents of Preston, Penwortham & Hutton. As a result of European Legislation they are required to undertake the Ribble Estuary & Coastal Waters Environmental Improvement Scheme to protect the environment. They are planning to build a 3.5 km long storm water storage tunnel in the Preston and Penwortham areas. This will bring significant environmental improvements to the Fylde coast bathing waters and designated shellfish beds located within the Ribble Estuary.

At present when Preston experiences heavy rainfall the sewers in Fishergate Hill, Marsh Lane, Watery Lane and near Penwortham pumping station become overwhelmed, resulting in storm water overflowing into the River Ribble. The £114 million project will reduce the number of spills to the River Ribble. The new storage tunnel will retain storm water that previously overflowed into the river, before it is pumped to the Preston Waste Water Treatment Works on Clifton Marsh. Construction work is planned to start in spring 2010 with overall completion by 2012. However it is hoped work within Preston City will be completed before Christmas 2011.

A new pumping station for Penwortham has now received planning permission and pipe laying will take place along the south bank of the Ribble before crossing the river into the waste water treatment works at Clifton Marsh. It is this latter work which will cause some disruption to Hutton residents due to vehicle movements accessing the site. It is envisaged that for a period of 2 months there is likely to be some disruption. A Traffic Management Plan has been put together to mitigate this disruption and United Utilities have agreed to meet again with the Council at its January meeting so as to keep them and local residents fully informed of progress and provide some of the finer detail which still needs to be ironed out. It is not yet known exactly when the works affecting Hutton will be carried out.



BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

As well as the regular group activities the Village Hall is available for private functions such as meetings, birthdays and anniversaries. The hall has a well equipped kitchen, stage facilities and a licensed bar is available by request. For further information please ring 07964750783.

HUTTON VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Winning Numbers since the last Newsletter:

**August 2009 (72 & 11)
September 2009 (14 & 122)
October 2009 (37 & 200)**

INDOOR BOWLING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Indoor Bowling sessions are held throughout the winter months (October to March) every Monday @ 2.00pm in the Village Hall. New members both ladies and gentlemen are most welcome. Please come along and enjoy a game of bowls, a cup of tea and meet new friends. For further information telephone 01772 612507

VILLAGE HALL GROUND IMPROVEMENT WORKS GET NEARER

Following further delays it is now hoped that long planned works to improve the area around the village hall can go ahead. Delays were encountered due to the need to sort out the drainage problems around the hall which were completed a few months ago.

The works will amongst other things involve providing a new surface to the area immediately in front of the hall which will be disabled friendly and the provision of additional car parking spaces with reserved disabled spaces allocated. The car park will be marked out. Improved lighting is to be provided and retractable bollards installed to prevent unauthorised vehicular access onto the recreation ground. The entrance area to the car park will be resurfaced to remove the many pot holes that regularly now occur and LCC will be asked to repair adjacent road edgings and kerbs. Some additional works to the pond area and limited other planting will take place.

The Parish Council considered the plans at its October meeting and the Village Hall Committee have also commented on the proposals which now need final approval from the Area Committee before the works can start. When this work is completed it is expected that it will provide a significant enhancement to the recreation ground and village hall area which continues to be a valued centre for village activities.

TEG MEETING HUTTON VILLAGE HALL 28TH OCTOBER 2009

TEG representatives hosted a meeting with 31 local residents to up date them on progress since the last public meeting in June. A hand out was provided detailing some of the actions taken by TEG to reduce odour, vehicle movements and noise.

A lively debate then took place with residents suggesting that the position had not improved and that the actions taken had really had no significant effect. TEG seemed concerned that complaints were addressed to the Environment Agency and not themselves direct. It was pointed out by several residents that this had been the practice in the past but nothing had been done nor indeed any acceptance given by TEG confirming that they were in fact the cause of the problem. It was not until complaints were made to the Environment Agency and 'logged' that the level of the problem had been identified and action taken which then led to an acknowledgement of responsibility and plans to relocate. The Clerk to the Parish Council confirmed that odour complaints should continue to be advised to the Environment Agency. Other complaints generally relating to vehicle movements and disturbance could however be reported direct to TEG who promised to look into them however it would be helpful from the Parish Council perspective for them to be made by e-mail with a copy sent to the Parish Council for record purposes.

TEG then went on to outline their plans for re-location. Three potential sites have been identified and concurrent negotiations are taking place with an expectant hope that their first choice option to move to an existing waste management site on the Merseyside boundary will come to fruition following planning approval being agreed. A move to this site could be achieved by September 2010 as indeed, it was intimated, could a move to the alternative sites should the first option fall through.

Questions were then asked concerning the future use of the residual site in Hutton. Suggestions had been made that this site might be used a 'bagging' plant which would involve moving the finished product back to Hutton for mixing and bagging. Concern was expressed by many present that this would simply create similar problems to those in existence today relating particularly to smells and vehicle movements and strong views put forward that this was not acceptable. The TEG representatives promised to raise these concerns with the TEG board at its next meeting but did reiterate that no decision had been reached with regard to future use at this stage. It was thought that a planning permission 'change of use' would probably be required in any case.

TEG once again promised to try to alleviate the existing problems as much as they could during the next few months and pending their re-location. They agreed to a further meeting in a few months time as part of the ongoing communication with residents.

IMPROVEMENTS TO RECREATION PLAY GROUND

Peter Heise the village lengthsman has done an excellent job and improved the appearance of our local play ground by applying preservative to the gates and fences that were in need of some urgent maintenance. Partly funded by a contribution from SRBC the undertaking of this work by the Parish Council has ensured that it has been done far earlier than would otherwise have been the case. This work together with the new bark that has been placed on the playground by SRBC has significantly improved the appearance of this area of the recreation ground.



FLOODING PROBLEM ALLEVIATED ??

Following continued pressure from the Parish Council and a number of residents work has been undertaken at the junction of Liverpool Rd and Tolsey Drive by Lancashire County Council to alleviate the flooding problems that have been a regular feature for some long time. Following the works we had a long period of dry weeks however as the rains finally came again at the end of October it does seem that the issues have been resolved.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009

Despite works undertaken by our lengthsman this was not enough to claim any awards in this year's competition. A report has been received from the judges which is complimentary of the majority of private properties in the village with well trimmed hedges and tidy gardens although it was pointed out that there were one or two exceptions.

It was mentioned that both Ashbridge School and the Lancashire Police HQ were well maintained and that the recreation ground and play area were in general well cared for and the play equipment clean and safe. Millbrow Farm was acknowledged as a clean and tidy asset to the village.

Sadly the entrance to the village and the village centre let the village down since it appeared that no effort had been made to keep them tidy. The bus shelters it was felt had a neglected look and the hotel & surroundings appeared to need sweeping with the buildings to the rear in a poor state of repair. There was also noticeable weed growth around the tennis courts behind the Village Hall.

Clearly there is more to be done to tidy up our village and bring it to 'winner' standards.

PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE

Orchard Farm application is deferred pending meeting with local residents concerning road safety issues in the area. The Area Committee however have been asked to authorise enforcement action in respect of other activities which are in breach of existing planning permission and are not included in the retrospective application under consideration.

Grange Lane Garage application for van rental and retrospective permission for other activities has been withdrawn. The Area Committee have been asked to authorise enforcement in respect of current activities which are taking place outside of current planning consent.

Dungeon Farm application to undertake composting activities was deferred by LCC who took into account resident and Parish Council objections with regard to road safety issues and potential odorous smells. It was decided that a site visit should take place so that County Councillors could get a feel for the road safety concerns before making any decision.



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will meet at 7.30 pm in Hutton Village Hall on the following dates:

25th January 2010

22nd March 2010

WESTERN PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

The Western Parishes Area Committee meets every 3rd Monday in odd months of the year at 7.15pm at Hutton Village Hall on Moor Lane in Hutton. The next meetings are scheduled for:

Monday 18th January 2010

Monday 15th March 2010

ARTICLES AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR HUTTON NEWS

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