

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HUTTON NEWS JUNE 2011

Hutton Parish Councillors

Following the local elections on the 5th May we would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the changes in your Parish Council. Firstly Bill Martin is now Chairman of Hutton Parish Council along with Vice Chairman Roger Mitchell. They are joined by the remaining Councillors John Hesketh, David Parkes and David Barton. We also welcome new Councillors George Gilbert and Tom Hastewell to their roles as Parish Councillors. Following on from this we would like to say a big thank you to our two retiring Councillors John Wilshere and Barbara Thackeray, who between them have given over fifty years of service and dedication to Hutton Parish Council. We wish them a well deserved and peaceful retirement. Their knowledge and experience has always been a great asset and will certainly be missed.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to come and attend a local Parish Council meeting where there is opportunity at every meeting to put your opinion across to the Parish Council on issues that affect Hutton.

There are constant changes going on in and around Hutton and you have a great opportunity to be part of this and have your say, so please do try to attend. The dates of the next meetings are printed on the third page of Hutton News at the end of the annual report.

Hutton May Day Fête 2011



What a fantastic start to our Jubilee year! Our 30th annual May Day was a great success both financially (in fact it was our best ever) and as a community event. Thank you to every one who attended we hope you had an enjoyable time. A special thank you to all the helpers, there was a great feeling of camaraderie and every one seemed happy to do what ever was needed - we DID recreate that same community spirit we had when we opened the hall 25 years ago and this resulted in a pleasurable day for us all. The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Atkins opened the proceedings and he was presented with a glass paper weight commemorating our Jubilee year. A surprise presentation was also made to Barbara Baller appointing her life president of Hutton Village Hall – does she realise she is now committed to the next 30 years!

Best Kept Village Competition 2011

This year we are entered again in Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. Judging will be going on throughout June and July. As Hutton did so well in the competition last year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts then, and ask that you carry on with them now by keeping both your garden, and the village as a whole, tidy particularly over the coming weeks whilst judging is taking place.



HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT Chairman's Annual Report May 2011

As we reach the end not just of a Parish Council year but of an election term, 2 Councillors, Barbara Thackeray and John Wilshere, are "retiring" after more than 50 years collective service. They have given a tremendous amount of time and effort to the village through the Council over that period and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Very many thanks, John and Barbara, from all of us. The Council will still have a full complement for the new term: George Gilbert from Fensway and Tom Hastewell from Pope Lane are joining – welcome to you both.

This time last year I looked at progress made on the Hutton Village Plan actions 3 years after publication and concluded "good progress, but still plenty to do!". This 4th year can be summed up as a period of review, consolidation and forward planning rather than major progress. This is perhaps not surprising given the tough financial times currently dominating local government at all levels.

Considerable efforts have been given, along with an Environmental Team from Lancashire County Council, to develop a scheme to revise and landscape the area in front of the village shops on Liverpool Road. There has been general agreement of the outline plans by those immediately involved, but unfortunately external funding cannot be secured at the moment, leading to postponement for the foreseeable future. This scheme is a major undertaking for a Council of this size, and will be kept under review. More positively, funding for the long-planned improvements to the Village Hall frontage has been confirmed and this work will be carried out in early summer 2011.

I'd like to record our successes in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition: Hutton was runner up in the Large Village Class in 2010 after several years of entering. This is a very commendable achievement and thanks are due to everyone in the village who took the trouble to ensure a well-maintained environment, especially to Peter Heise our lengthsman who looks after our village so well all year round. Two additional entries also won awards: the playground was winner and Ashbridge School runner-up in their respective merit classes.

Formal consultation exercises have abounded this year from many sources; many of these are important in determining developments over the next decade or so. The Parish Council has been active in contributing to the Draft Local Road Transport Plan for 2011 - 2021 from LCC, the Central Lancashire Local Development Framework from SRBC and new proposals for the way the 3 tiers of local government communicate and work together (the 3 Tier Forums). United Utilities have given several presentations on their major Ribble Estuary and Coastal Water Environmental Improvements Scheme.

Planning matters are "business as usual" at virtually every meeting, and Parish Council comments offer an important route for making sure local concerns are voiced. Also importantly, your Councillors routinely represent the village on many forums ranging from the Village Hall Committee and local Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings, to working with the other Councils in this area. This regular presence, often un-noticed as is the way with "routine", is essential to ensure there is a voice for the people of Hutton when and where it matters.

Liaison with the Highway Authority and Police has been maintained over safety matters: several improvements are due soon and the police are aware and active concerning the perennial problems with parking and speeding.

As you may have noticed from your recent Council Tax Bills, Hutton Parish Council, well aware of the tight economic situation for everyone, have gone further than last year (when the precept was held level) and made a one-off reduction of about 20% for 2011/12.

Looking to the future, with the emerging emphasis from central government on localism and, at least in the medium term, tight financial constraints, there will be an increasing need to be involved at parish level to ensure the needs and desires of the villagers are met. The positive side of this is that local needs should be more appropriately addressed than with a more centralised funding and management structure. Your Parish Council will continue to be one of the main channels for bettering village life. Please support it in any way you can.

David Parkes, Chairman Hutton Parish Council, May 2011

Hutton Parish Council Financial Report 31st March 2011

The Responsible Financial Officer is able to report a healthy overall financial position with reserves now at a level of £16157.91 a figure which has been built up as a result of provision having been made for Village Plan implementation projects which has so far not been required. This level of reserves has however allowed Hutton Parish Council to reduce its Precept for 2011/2012. Income during the last year was in line with the revised budget whilst expenditure was almost £3900 below the original estimates due to the provision for the Village Plan projects not being used and other savings in terms of reduced subscriptions and the government pay freeze for public sector staff. All other expenses were broadly in line with expectations although this year did see a substantial rise in the contributory cost for the annual Christmas tree. The financial position of the Parish Council remains strong. This will allow the Council to undertake such projects as it might identify going forward as it continues to seek to improve the amenities of the village.

W V McEnerney-Whittle (Responsible Financial Officer)

PARISH COUNCIL INCOME / EXPENDITURE 2010 - 2011

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Balance b/f 1st April 2010	12773.61	Hire of Hall for Meetings	84.00
		Subscriptions/Registrations	600.32
Precept	19900.00	Lengthsman	3900.00
Bank Interest	12.68	Insurance	585.53
V A T Recovered	377.33	Materials, bulbs etc.	177.83
Advertising		Vat Recoverable	350.00
Insurance Reimbursement	23.95	Clerk salary	6474.95
GPA Grant	486.00	National Insurance Employer	107.28
		S137 - Poppy Wreath / LBKVC	46.00
		Training	80.00
		Postage Telephone & Stationery	502.16
		Mileage	410.92
		Bus Shelters/Notice Boards etc	312.55
		Audit	185.00
		Xmas Tree	961.37
		Newsletter inc Annual Report	1380.00
		Balance c/f 31st March 2011	17415.66
Total	33573.57	Total	33573.57

HUTTON FAMILY WALKING CLUB SUMMER 2011

Contact Dennis 614673 or Gill 616369

FORTHCOMING WALKS (All 4 mile Sunday Strolls begin at relevant car parking at 2pm)

- 3th July** **Meet at Carleton nr. Skipton** at 10am for a 9 1/2 mile walk
Leaders Barbara & Dave (tel. 434894).
- 10th July** **Sunday Stroll** Meet at Cuerdon Valley Car Park, on A49. Turn right at lights just after Sainsbury's onto A49 under motorway bridge and car park is on the left.
Leaders Eileen & Pam
- 7st Aug** **Levens** Meet 10am Please contact Leaders for parking directions. A 7 1/2 mile walk, through Levens Park and along the Lancaster Canal
Leaders Sheila & Jackie (tel. 612784)
- 14th Aug** **Sunday Stroll** meet at Salwick Railway Station Car Park.

HUTTON TENNIS CLUB

The tennis club is situated adjacent to the Village Hall and is operated on a non-profit basis in order to provide an affordable amenity for local residents. It has two tennis courts and is a small, friendly club which has been running for over 21 years. However, in recent years there has been a decline in membership which the new committee members are striving to reverse in order to keep the club running. There have been recent improvements made both to the entrance of the club and the surrounding areas which has enhanced both the appearance and usability of the courts. This month marks the re-launch of Hutton Tennis Club and we would welcome new members and any enquiries. Annual family membership is only £50 per annum - come and get fit and support your local club! For further information please ring Heather Thornton on 01772 617478.

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HUTTON SUPPORTERS CLUB WINNING NUMBERS

February 213 & 242
March 72 & 36
April 26 & 213

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

27th	June	2011
15th	August	2011
10th	October	2011.
5th	December	2011
23rd	January	2012
27th	February	2012

NEXT PACT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 4 July 2011** at 7 p.m. at **Longton Library**

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.

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HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

Hutton Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 7.30p.m, followed by cheese and wine. Everyone is welcome, please come along and show your support and enjoy a relaxed evening with a glass of wine.

Forthcoming events planned to continue our Jubilee year celebrations

22nd October 2011 - There will be an evening of music with duo HowdenJones, further details will be published nearer the time.

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 on request.

For further information please ring 07964750783 or 617483.