

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

HUTTON NEWS

JUNE 2008

GREENACRES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSES

The completion of the 8 bungalows for the elderly will be practically complete during June 2008 and to commemorate this long awaited achievement an 'Opening Ceremony' was held on the 10th June 2008 affording the opportunity for many people who have been involved to come along and take a look at the properties.

Details concerning the occupancy criteria for this long awaited development have still to be confirmed. Your Parish Council have had a number of discussions with SRBC. It has been agreed that a further meeting will take place to go through and explain the criteria once they have been finalised. Whilst there may be some 'need' 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 is expected to commence shortly and anyone interested should contact Progress Housing Group Ltd 01772 642176 or SRBC Housing dept 01772 421491 for further information.

- Half Barrel Planters have now been planted up following the agreement of local shop owners to allow them to be sited in front of their shops on the privately owned pavement. The local shop owners have also agreed to tend to the arrangements by watering them from time to time although the lengthsman will take general responsibility for their maintenance.
- The SPID has been out and about, it is now being managed on our behalf by SRBC who will put it up, take it down and extract the information which will then be passed both to the Parish Council and also the police.

Recent figures are as follows:

Liverpool Rd Hutton GS – over 72 hours – 9202 vehicles - Ave speed 29.3 – 39% over speed limit.

Lindle Lane - over 48 hours – Ave speed 38.84 – 37.5% over speed limit.

- The new notice board has been received and installed on Blackhurst Avenue.

Would your business be interested in sponsoring an edition of Hutton News?

For just £50 you can place a 1/2 page advert in the next edition of the newsletter and a small advertisement on our new web site. For further information please contact:

W V McEnnerney-Whittle on 01772 733829

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2008

This year celebrates the Golden Jubilee of the competition which has over its 50 years helped to promote cleaner and tidier neighbourhoods. Villages large and small have strived to improve their appearance by regularly undertaking additional house keeping tasks which might otherwise have been ignored.

The competition is not about the ability to spend money on displays, hanging baskets and so forth but is about maintaining and keeping clean and tidy the environment in which we live.

This year Hutton Village has decided to enter the competition and we are hoping that this will generate interest in keeping the village tidy. The Parish Council will be assisting by asking its lengthsman to spend some of his time generally maintaining a clean and tidy village environment which will be seen to be a credit to us all.

Clearly however he cannot be responsible for this alone and we are asking residents to assist by ensuring that litter is not left lying about but is placed in the receptacles provided and that fly tipping which has occurred in the village from time to time is eliminated.

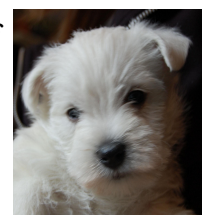
You can help by reporting to SRBC any identified incidents of fly tipping using 01772 625625

A DOG IS A MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Yes, it is probably fair to say that a dog is often a great family friend however regrettably it is not always the case that owners take proper care of them particularly in cleaning up behind them and this can in many cases lead to the spread of disease and as a minimum dirty and untidy streets.

A number of complaints have been received recently and it is perhaps appropriate to make a request to owners to clean up after their pets. Failure to do so is an offence and can result in fines and whilst hopefully it will not be necessary to go to this end owners need to be aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Residents themselves have a part to play in keeping our streets clean and tidy and in the unfortunate circumstances where dog fouling is left unattended by the owner residents are able to report the matter with full details of the owner to South Ribble Borough Council whose dog wardens will take appropriate action. Even the identification of the type of dog and the times at which the offences occur may be sufficient for the warden to take action in some way.



Please do your bit either as an owner or member of the public and help to keep our streets clean, tidy and healthy for the benefit of all.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

When we moved into Ratten Lane a year ago, although we knew one or two of our neighbours already, we did not know very many. I was invited to a Neighbourhood Watch meeting and have since been very glad that I attended since it gave me the opportunity to meet other neighbours, who I can now consider as friends.

The meetings are very interesting and cover all aspects of striving together as a community. There is usually a local police officer or community police officer present who is able to alert us to any problems in the area. We encourage each other to be vigilant at all times and to look out for each others welfare. We discuss ideas for when we are away on holiday, how we can feel secure during our absence and be assured that our homes are safe. It is also nice to know that we can call on our neighbours if we feel vulnerable or are in trouble.

We usually meet about 4 times a year at one of our houses. If you live in Ratten Lane and would like to be included in the scheme, then please contact Mrs Anne Cameron on 613438. If you live in another area of Hutton, then why not try to set up your own scheme, I am sure you will find it helpful and rewarding.

Diane Barton

HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to all the people who helped make May Day a success. More and more Fetes and Carnivals are falling by the wayside due to the lack of helpers. It is pleasing to see that here in Hutton we are able to maintain support for this very enjoyable community event.

Well Done Hutton !! (not forgetting all the help also received from non residents)

The total raised this year was in excess of £3500 which is an excellent result. We are hopeful that the project to refurbish the toilets this summer will go ahead which will involve using the proceeds of the last five May Days.

The running of the hall and fund raising is done entirely by volunteers since no funding is received from the Government or local Council. It is only due to the time and commitment of the volunteers that groups and private bookings are able to use the hall at reasonable rates. If the hall had to be run on a commercial or profit making basis the hire fees that would be required would increase tremendously probably ruling out some of the activities currently enjoyed.

In accordance with our constitution the AGM will be held on the 15th July 2008. Please come along to elect the committee for the coming year. Please also consider becoming one of the volunteers and assist in keeping the hall and fete continuing into the future. Let us hope Hutton will not be the next casualty simply because no one can find the time to help. It is easy to think that someone else will do it.

Finally, it has been suggested that a Car Boot sale should be held sometime in the Autumn. Would anyone be interested? If you think you might consider booking a pitch please give your name and telephone number in at the AGM, contact a committee member or put your name on the list on the notice board next time you visit the hall.

HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 15th July 2008 commencing at 7.30pm and will be followed by Cheese and Wine

Everyone Welcome

HUTTON VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Winning Numbers since the last Newsletter:

March 2008 (62 & 73)

April 2008 (27 & 78)

May 2008 (1 & 50)

BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL Make use of your village hall by going along to one of the regular group activities or book it for your private function – birthdays, anniversaries etc.

A licensed bar is available if required. For further information or to book please contact:

07964750783

HUTTON GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday in the month at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

August 21st — Iddon Treasures — Jacqueline Iddon

September 18th — Autumn & Winter Colour in the Garden — Ken Green

October 16th — Plants for Pleasure — Tom Leigh

November 20th — Herbs — John Steedman

December 21st — Social

HUTTON HISTORICAL AND LOCAL INTEREST SOCIETY

A programme of events has been arranged for 2008. Meetings take place in Hutton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Annual subscription is £7.00 per person plus 30p refreshments at each meeting. Visitors can pay at the door for £2.00 per meeting.

COME AND JOIN US

Interesting speakers & friendly company at a local venue.

Contact Hon Sec 01772 744978

SECOND HALF YEAR EVENTS

August 5th — The Changing Face of Preston — Jane Humphreys

September 2nd — A Year in the Life of the High Sheriff of Lancashire — Keith Gledhill

October 7th — Old Pubs of Preston — Stephen Halliwell

November 4th — Stories from Old Stuff — Paul Cross

December 2nd — A Long Way from Home — Lizzie Jones

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Monday 7th July 2008

Monday 8th September 2008

WESTERN PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS (PROVISIONAL)

Monday 23rd June 2008

Monday 11th August 2008

Monday 29th September 2008

24th November 2008

Meetings are held in Hutton Village Hall commencing @
7.00pm

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Longton and Hutton West Ward

Colin Clark Tel: 616990

Jon Hesketh Tel: 615412

Peter Stettner Tel: 613386

New Longton and Hutton East Ward

Jim Breakell Tel: 616077

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FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service can provide a Free Home Fire Safety Check, fit smoke alarms if needed and give you advice on what to do in the event of fire. A visit will be arranged at a time to suit you, and will be carried out by authorised personnel who will show their ID.

CALL FREE 0800 1691125

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008

My first task in this report is to pay tribute to my predecessor Roger Mitchell. Roger joined the Parish Council about 15 years ago and has been a valuable servant to Hutton residents and to the Parish Council over this time. He took over Chairmanship of the Council 5 years ago from John Wilshere and during his time in office he has taken on many extra duties in addition to his role as Chairman, some of these brought about by fellow Councillors being unavailable to represent the Council.

Councillors are grateful to Roger for his loyalty not only to the Council but also the villagers as a whole.

On behalf of Hutton Parish Council and myself, as Rogers' successor, I would formally like to thank him for his work during his 5 years as Chairman and I am sure I speak for all councillors when I say 'Thank you Roger, we wish you good health for the future'

During the past year the makeover of the pond at the Village Hall has been the highlight of the year for our village. Preparations for this work were started 2 years ago by our then Parish Clerk Lynn Hamer. Lynn put in many hours arranging meetings and site visits with 'Ponds for People' and SRBC to ensure we got the right makeover. The pond looks great however it is hoped that more work can be carried out along the side of the pond behind the changing rooms perhaps some woodland type plants wood help to create the 'woodland' effect.

Plans are in hand to improve the appearance to the entrance to the Village Hall and Greg Clerk, landscape officer to SRBC has come up with some designs which personally I find quite exciting.

In early 2008 we set up the Parish Council web site and I am grateful to Bill our Parish Clerk for all the work he has put into getting the web site up and running. It serves as a valuable information tool and provides guidance to residents on whom to contact with regard to complaints concerning problems they face within the village on a day to day basis.

During the coming months a new Parish Council notice board will be sited on the Grange Development, we will see half barrel planters being installed outside the shops and we are appreciative of the support of the local businesses who have agreed to allow us to site them on their own frontage given we were unable to obtain LCC permission to site them on the traffic island between the service road and Liverpool Rd due to road safety issues.

The Speed Indicator Device has now been upgraded and has recently been used in various parts of the village.

The Council have continuing concerns with regard to road safety around Hutton Grammar School with on street parking especially at school start and finish times. A report is still awaited from LCC concerning how they might see the problems being resolved.

During the next 12 months Hutton Parish council will strive to meet all the requirements needed to become a Quality Parish Council.

Finally, I am sure that all Councillors regret the recent decision by Royal Mail to close Hutton Post Office something the village has had the benefit of since the late 1890's

George Gilbert
Chairman

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

INCOME

Income is in line with the revised budget figures presented to the 30th September 2007.

EXPENDITURE

The majority of expenditures are generally in line with the forecast position presented with the 2008/9 budget and precept forecast.

Village Plan expenditure is only £522 representing mainly the new web site costs allocated to this category. This means that £1178 of the budget is unspent at the end of the financial year. This would normally revert to reserves however due to the historic setting off of Village Plan expenditure in the accounts and a further allocation under this heading in 2008/9 together with incomes received specifically earmarked for the Village Plan it may be prudent to carry fwd this figure as part of the 2008/9 budget and add to it the contributions from the community account £140.43 and SRBC grant £130.00. This will mean £1448 being added to the 2008/9 Village Plan budget of £1000 and a continuance at least for the current year of a separate heading within the Councils accounting system.

SUMMARY

The accounts show a carry forward position of £3296 however allowing for the calculations above this only represents a reserve position of slightly less than £2000 broadly in line with the forecast position provided in September 2007 on which the 2008/9 Precept requirement was established which seeks to increase the reserve position at the end of the current financial year to nearer £3800.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle
Responsible Financial Officer

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2007/2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008			
REVISED			
BUDGET	INCOME	£	£
3157	Balance b/f 1st April 2007		3156.89
13646	Precept	13,646.00	
250	Bank Interest	296.62	
1536	V A T Recovered	1,535.67	
130	Village Plan SRBC GRANT	130.00	
140	Village Plan community account	140.43	
350	RAMBERS GRANT	350.00	
292	CONT LONGTON RE STRIMMER	292.28	
120	Advertising	120.00	
300	Bench Grant	300.00	
5000	Pond Project	5,000.00	
38	Insurance Reimbursement	38.11	
	Total		21849.11
24959			25006.00
	LESS EXPENDITURE		
S137		39.00	
80	Hire of Hall for Meetings	90.00	
1700	Village Plan Implementation	522.50	
630	Subscriptions/Registrations	574.84	
3400	Lengthsman	3400.00	
850	Insurance	800.34	
200	Materials, bulbs etc.	165.01	
485	Vat Recoverable	778.14	
5750	Clerk salary	5871.88	
700	Photocopier costs	592.85	
80	Training	63.33	
800	Stationery	815.08	
100	Postage	40.38	
100	Telephone	70.12	
400	Mileage	371.07	
500	Bus Shelters/Notice Boards	497.56	
135	Audit	185.00	
334	Xmas Tree	333.79	
	National Insurance	43.04	
500	Projects	276.60	
497	Strimmer	497.50	
304	Laser Printer	303.68	
4858	Pond Project	4885.43	
173	Advertisement (new clerk)	172.80	
240	Newsletter Staff Costs	320.00	
22816			21709.94
2143	Balance in hand		3296.06