



HUTTON NEWS MARCH 2023



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 4TH MAY 2023

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND FETE 2023

The Village Hall Management Committee are in the process of submitting application forms to South Ribble Borough Council for the use of the playing field so that they can plan this years May Day Fete which will take place on the bank holiday Monday 1st May 2023.

As always they are looking for volunteers to help, in what ever way they can, with the planning stages as well as at the fete itself. Some suggestions of ways that you could help are as follows.

They are looking for acts to be part of the entertainment on the day, business sponsors to place advertisements in the programme, someone to help compile the programme, donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bottles of wine for the bottle stall, volunteers to make cakes for the cake stall and refreshments, sell raffle tickets and run stalls etc.

Any help at all however small or large would be gratefully received. Lets make it a truly community event.

If you can help or would like further information please contact: Barbara – 611471 or Morag – 617483 or email huttonhall@gmail.com

Hutton Village Hall is available to hire for groups, clubs, societies etc. on a regular basis or for private hire for parties, celebrations, concerts, award evenings, wedding receptions etc.

The hall is well maintained, has a well equipped kitchen and a licenced bar is available on request. For further details and hire rates please contact the booking secretary on 617483 or 07783573342

Two groups, both of which formed in the 1980's with no permanent home helped prove a need for the village hall and were two of the first to move into the hall when it opened in 1986, have unfortunately recently closed – not due to the lack of members but due to the lack of volunteers to run them. The Ladies Group did briefly return after Covid but the Local Historical and Interest Society did not. If anyone feels they could help revive either of these groups there are funds available.



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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

On May 4th 2023 elections will take place for Hutton Parish Council. All existing Members of the Council are required to stand for election if they wish to continue in post. 7 Councillors are needed to form a full active Council and this is an opportunity for you to become involved in local affairs and help make decisions which affect your village.

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the Parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district and county authorities above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, Parish Councils are often the first-place people will go with concerns or ideas and whilst in some cases the Parish Council may not be able to deal with the matter themselves, it can point local residents in the right direction. For this reason, they are a vital part of any community.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

If you've never been to a Parish Council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. If, however, you live in a community where something 'big' has happened, you'll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the Parish Council that is turned to.

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you become someone your community may look to for help, guidance and support. A Parish Councillor has the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people they serve by getting involved in the decision-making process.

Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that Parish Councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), keeping the village clean and tidy, helping local groups and helping manage open spaces.

It's true to say that on their own, Parish Councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions, such as the Borough or County Council.



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How much time does it take up?

Hutton Parish Council usually meets eight times a year for the Council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings generally last between an hour and two hours, depending on what needs to be discussed and decided. In addition to the regular meetings, Councillors are expected to take part in Hutton's Annual Remembrance Service and Christmas Event and perhaps be part of a working group looking at improvements to the village, such as the area around the village hall and old derelict tennis courts which are currently under discussion.

What powers do Parish Councils have?

They have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters. The Council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the Parish Council's share of the Council tax. .

Parish Duties

Hutton Parish Council has 7 Councillors who stand for election every four years. The duties and functions of a Parish Council are quite varied. The Council meets eight times a year and considers planning applications and any other matters upon which a decision is required. All meetings are open to the public and there is a session just after the meeting has opened at which members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions. All meetings are advertised on the Council notice boards and on its website. Residents can bring to the attention of the Parish Council anything that concerns them, either through an individual member or through the clerk. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the Council, the clerk may provide guidance on where to address the issue.

What next ?

Contact the Clerk to the Parish Council who will be happy to help with any further questions and explain the quite simple process involved at the forthcoming elections. Nomination Forms will be available by Mid March.

Don't waste time – Do it today - Be part of the team!!

Contact: clerk@hutton-pc.gov.uk 01772 733829



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hutton Parish Council meets regularly at Hutton Village Hall and residents of the Parish are welcome to attend. There will be a short period early in the meeting for residents to bring up any local issues that may be causing them concern. Please note however that the Council are unable to make any decision on items brought up during this time but might be able to offer guidance as to the way forward.

You can find agendas, meeting minutes and dates of future meetings and lots more information about the Parish of Hutton by visiting our website.

**The next Council meeting is on
Monday the 17th April 2023**

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