



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022



CHRISTMAS 2023

The Parish Council are pleased to be able to confirm that three Christmas trees are to be erected in the Parish as usual this year. In addition tree light switch on events, that were adversely affected in the last couple of years by the pandemic, are once again going to take place.

On Thursday the 1st December 2023 the tree lights switch on event will take place after school at St Mary's Primary School Lea Town and will be followed by refreshments being served in the school during their Christmas Fayre.

On Monday the 5th December 2023 at 6.00pm at St Christopher's Church there will be a short service followed by the tree lights switch on. After this all those in attendance are invited to go to St. Bernard's Primary School for refreshments.

Then finally on Thursday the 8th December 2023 the tree switch on event will take place at Cottam Primary School preceded by the singing and playing of Christmas music in the school where refreshments will also be served.

Members of the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all its residents a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

DOG FOULING ON MILLER GREEN



Reports have been received recently that persons using Miller Green for walking their dogs are failing to pick up after them. Miller Green is covered by Preston City Council's 'Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2012' which makes it an offence to not pick up your dog's waste on land where the order applies.

Litter bins, which can be used to accept bagged dog waste, have been provided at each entry to the land so there is no excuse to break the law. Remember that failure to comply is an offence and may result in a fine.

Members of the public and users of Miller Green, who see an offence being committed, are encouraged to report the issue using the PCC web site giving as much detail about the perpetrator, their dog and time of day. Do not let inconsiderate people spoil it for others.

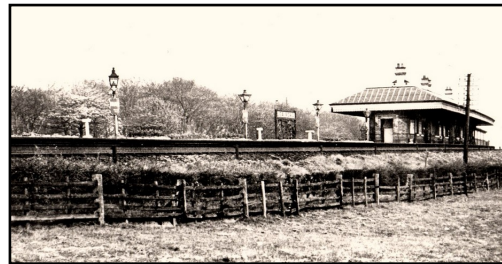
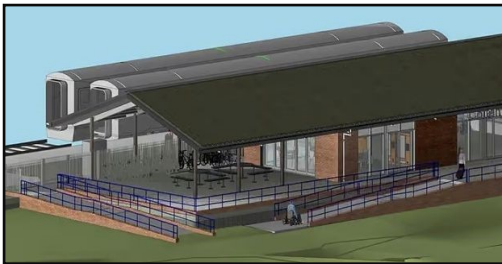
NEW RAIL STATION PLANS SUBMITTED

Plans for the long awaited railway station near to the old Lea Road Station which was closed in 1938 have now been submitted. Currently known as Cottam Parkway (although this could be changed) the station is aimed to:

- Provide access to rail transport options for travel to jobs, business and leisure
- Reduce congestion into Preston city centre by providing a Park & Ride facility
- Increase rail access between Preston and other parts of Lancashire, as well as the regional and national network
- Connect directly to the new Preston West Distributor which is currently under construction - the new station will have good access to new housing areas and a new junction on the M55

The station will include a fully accessible station building with waiting areas, a staffed booking and information office, vending machines and toilets. It will feature a 'green' roof to encourage wildlife and solar panels. The whole facility has been designed to be fully accessible. A footbridge and lifts will link the platforms. To encourage people to use sustainable transport, the plans include a bus stop and a new high-quality pedestrian and cycle link together with secure cycle parking.

Below is a mock up of what the new station will look and a photograph of the old station as it was in 1938.



RECENT PATH AND POND WORK BY LENGTHSMAN TEAM - THE BEFORE AND AFTER



WHAT IS A LOCAL COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCILS were established in law in 1894 having their origins in the development of villages all over England during both Saxon and Norman times. Villages in those past days were ruled by the Lord of the Manor with little national control. Sometimes the villages all met to make decisions which affected the whole community. Gradually it seems that parish priests and sometimes school masters joined the Lord of the Manor to become an effective ruling clique and it was probably from this that the first Parish Councils were formulated.

After the second world war the profile of local Councils increased significantly and the National Association of Parish Councils was formed. Since that time there has been much debate concerning the value of these Councils however today with a Central Government view of involving local communities it may be that the involvements of Parish and Town Councils will increase in the future.

A Parish Council is democratically elected to serve a defined and local area. Most of the current Council members were elected to serve for 4 years at the last election in May 2019. Elections will take place in May 2023. Maybe you would like to stand and become involved in things that affect your area.

Parish Councils exist to protect the interests of their communities and in many cases provide local services either directly or in support of higher tiers of local government (County, City, Unitary & Borough Councils).

Parish Councils have a statutory right to make comment on all planning applications within their boundaries however the decision does still rest with the higher tier authority for the area.

Lea and Cottam Parish Council has the services of a team of lengthsmen who support and add value to existing County & Borough authority services. Peter and his team can be seen out and about in the area undertaking general maintenance work and undertaking open space projects that enhance the area and might otherwise not be undertaken. They also take care of Miller Green, the Dodney Drive Greens and planters etc that belong to Lea and Cottam Parish Council

The Council is also able, through representation, to assist in improving the area in general and is often consulted where significant changes to the area are involved such as the major housing developments which are prevalent at the moment.

Lea and Cottam Parish Council is not however a clearing house for complaints regarding the service delivery of higher tier authorities which should be addressed in the first place to the responsible authority concerned, although they may assist in pointing residents in the right direction.



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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

28 NOVEMBER 2022

23 JANUARY 2023

6 MARCH 2023

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
AND START AT 7.30PM

THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY EARLY IN THE MEETING FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE
REPRESENTATION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM OR RAISE ISSUES OF CONCERN, HOWEVER, IT
MUST BE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS UNLESS THE ITEM
HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED ON THE FORMAL AGENDA

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