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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS ON

7TH DECEMBER 2026

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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NEWSLETTER
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PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS

During the last few months, the Parish Council have been undertaking a number of projects aimed at enhancing the area in which we live.





The Dodney Drive circular 'Green' which has historically been very wet has had a new drainage system installed and already the green is looking more level with the grass having already grown back.

It is expected that the works will mean that it can be used for a much longer period of time than previously.

The drainage works that had been agreed for Jubilee Park have also been completed and the path raised so as to hopefully allow rainwater to drain away.

The Parish Council has also provided funding to Cottam Community Centre to upgrade its Ladies and Disabled toilets. The work was recently completed and together with other improvements paid for by the centre itself, the facilities provide a great place for community activities.

Don't miss the Christmas Event which takes place on Sunday 29th November 2026



Works have also been completed on the pond opposite to the Ancient Oak Pub which was completely overgrown mainly due to excessive bullrush growth. 80% have now been removed and overgrowth cut back thus opening up the visual aspect of the pond. The decking areas behind it have been refurbished by our own lengthsman team.

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The Parish Council will be erecting three Christmas Trees again this year at the usual locations.

St Christopher's Church will be holding their tree lighting 'Switch On' service on Monday 30th November 2026 at 6.00pm with light refreshments being served thereafter.

St Mary's School Lea Town 'Switch On' will take place after school on 1st December 2026 followed by their Christmas Fayre.

Cottam Primary School 'Switch On' will be after school on the 3rd December 2026.

A few years ago, a wildflower area was created on land just as you leave Lea going west. Sadly, this has not been successful and so advice has been sought from LCC who have suggested that plug plants should have be used rather than seed due to the heavily grassed conditions. It is anticipated that new plug planting will take place next spring, after the grass has been cut and raked. On the opposite side of Blackpool Road, across from this area, is a raised bed maintained by our lengthsman team. Next year it is intended to use this as a further wildflower area.





JOB VACANCIES

The Parish Council are seeking to appoint TWO additional assistant lengthsmen / lengthswomen to join our team. The successful persons will be required to work for up to 15 hours per week on a flexible service contract starting as soon as possible and ending initially on 31st March 2028, at which time the contract may be renewed by mutual agreement.



The appointed persons will undertake basic open space enhancement works such as path edging, removal of overgrowth, undergrowth, fence and post painting and generally supporting the maintenance and tidying of the area. The selected persons will be self-employed or required to register as such. The rate of pay will currently be £13.00 per hour. These opportunities to help enhance the local area would suit, amongst others, either an existing self-employed person wishing to have a basic regular contract or, an active retired person who would need to register as self-employed.

Anyone who is interested in the above opportunities to join our existing contractor team should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for further information and an application form.

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