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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

1st APRIL 2019 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

13th MAY 2019 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

8th JULY 2019 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM

SMALL PRECEPT RISE FOR 2019 / 2020

The Parish Council has agreed a Precept increase for the next financial year amounting to approx 7 pence per week per household on average. The Council has increased its lengthman resource to allow further enhancements to the open space areas in the Parish. Work already done has received many compliments from residents. Miller Green works have now been completed apart from the installation of two benches and CIL monies are to continue to be used for open space improvements across the Parish. We will again make a contribution to Preston City Council towards maintenance in the area and, work closely with our partners to ensure that work in our Parish is done to our satisfaction. The Council are working with residents on issues of speeding and flooding and are hopeful of some positive outcomes in the not too distant future. Our Speed Indicator device will be used to influence drivers to drive within speed limits.



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ELECTION YEAR 2019

The campaigning has well and truly started with elections taking place this year. For Preston City Council all wards across the city will have to appoint their representatives following the boundary changes that were put in place last year. What you may not know is that this year is also the election year for your Parish Council. On May 2nd 2019 your ballot papers will list the names of all those who would like to stand for election to Lea and Cottam Parish Council, that is providing there are enough candidates putting themselves forward.

This is an opportunity for you to become involved in the affairs of your local community. The Parish Council has been actively involved in the consultations relating to the developments that are fast growing around us, and also the infrastructure that will be needed over the next few years. There will be a need to keep this dialogue going if we are to make sure that what is done is done in the best way possible and, with minimal disruption to our existing facilities. Issues continue to arise and the Parish Council take an active part in trying to resolve the problems that occur.

Why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor? All you need to do is complete a nomination form which needs to be signed by two electors. All nominations are collated and if there are more nominations than seats (14 for Lea and Cottam Parish Council which are split into 3 wards) then your name will appear on the ballot papers. Should there be insufficient candidates then all those that have been nominated will be elected automatically.

Don't just sit there and let others make decisions that will effect you and other residents, become involved, have your say and represent your fellow residents.

Contact the Clerk, who will be able to give you more information on how a local council actually works:

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JUBILEE AVE POND WORKS COMPLETED

The above works were completed on schedule at the end of last year with bulb planting, new shrub planting and turfing. Our lengthsman team have done a wonderful job and positive feedback has been received on their efforts.



WILDLIFE AREA TO BE CREATED

At the suggestion of some members in Lea the Council have decided to create a wildlife meadow in a triangle of land on Blackpool Road just before you enter into the residential area. Working in conjunction with the Lets Grow Preston organisation and LCC, permission has now been received to go ahead and plans are currently being put together. Work will include 'spraying off' and raking the existing grass before wild flower seeds can be planted. Once established it is hoped that the area will produce attractive flowers that will enhance the area as well as being attractive to bees and other wildlife.

SAVICK LIBRARY COMMUNITY FRIENDS GROUP

Savick Library Community Friends (SLCF) group hold frequent and regular community events throughout the year in Savick Library, 6 Birkdale Drive, Ashton. Activities include craft, creative arts, local history, singing, music, bestselling author talks, general interest talks and photography. The Knit and natter and craft group meet every Friday from 10am to midday. Other SLCF events are organised around library activities. More information about up and coming events can be found on the Savick Library Community Friends Facebook page, by visiting the library or phoning 0300 123 6703.

Savick Library Community Friends Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/Savick-Library-Community-Friends-group-642603949459523/>

HAYDOCKS LANE AREA IMPROVEMENTS HAVE STARTED

Although the Parish Council studied the possibility of a complete overhaul of the Haydocks Lane garden areas it was decided that the estimated cost was just too much. They have agreed with Preston City Council that some enhancements works can be undertaken. These will include removing the old wooden garden bed surrounds which have become rotten, removing much of the overgrown planting and in some cases, replacing the beds with turf which will entail less maintenance. Some of this work has already been completed as you can see below.



The railings and bollards which are prevalent in the area are to be repainted once weather permits. The children's playground will also be repainted and tidied up so that the whole area will hopefully be much improved.

Work is also taking place on Cottam Way where all grass verges have been edged and, a start has been made on repainting the gates and railings.



MEETING WITH MARK MENZIES MP

Following continuing issues with flooding on Hoyles Lane Mark Menzies was invited to attend a meeting of local residents. They aired their views on the flooding problems that have arisen following the new housing developments in the area. Mark and his team listened to what was being said and, took away details of incidents that had occurred recently. We now await a response from him as to what he has been able to do in trying to resolve these issues to the satisfaction of Hoyles Lane residents.