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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

29th NOVEMBER 2021 (dates for 2022 will be released on our web site shortly)

MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY 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, ALTHOUGH 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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COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY



There are currently two member vacancies on the Parish Council which can now be filled by co-option. If you would like to be involved in local affairs then this is your opportunity to put yourself forward without the need to go through a formal election process. All that's required is a letter to the Council outlining your personal details. This should ideally include your work experience, the length of time you have lived in or had connections with the area, any existing local memberships and, a brief outline of any skills that you might be able to bring to the Council. Letters of request will be considered by the Council at the next available meeting.

JOB VACANCY



The Parish Council are seeking to appoint an additional assistant lengthsman to join our fast-growing team. The successful person will be required to work for up to 15 hours per week on a flexible service contract between January 2022 and March 2023. This person 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 person will be self-employed or required to register as such. The rate of pay will be £10.50 per hour. This opportunity 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 either as a Council Member or the chance to join our existing contractor team should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for further information:

01772 733829

or e-mail: clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENTS 2021

This year the Parish Council are again arranging for the erection of three Christmas trees in the Parish at St Christopher's Church, St Mary's Church Lea Town and Cottam Primary School. We are pleased to announce that, in conjunction with the local schools and churches, light switch on events have been arranged as follows although in some cases the events will be scaled down in comparison to pre pandemic years.

1st December 2021 at St Mary's Church, Lea Town

A short advent service will be held in the church at 4.00pm followed by the official switch on in the church grounds. Attendees are then invited to mince pies, tea or coffee in St Mary's School.

8th December 2021 at St Christopher's Church, Blackpool Road

A short outdoor switch on will take place at 6.00pm on the car park outside the church. It is anticipated that tea/coffee and mince pies will be served outside, and weather permitting, the singing of a carol by those congregated prior to the official switch on.

9th December 2021 at Cottam Primary School

Entertainment will be provided by school pupils from approx.. 3.15pm in the main hall whilst you enjoy mince pies, tea or coffee. Shortly after 4.00pm those in attendance will be asked to assemble outside to see the lights on the Christmas Tree officially switched on.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

This year the Parish Council will join local churches and organisations in a short ceremony and the laying of wreaths at the stone cross at the junction of Lea Road and Cottam Way. Attendees should meet at the cross on Cottam Way at 10.45am for a short service, with a minute's silence and the laying of wreaths at 11.00am. Those assembled may walk together back to Cottam Primary School for another short service and refreshments. Should anyone feel they are unable to walk there and back, people are welcome to go straight to Cottam Primary School just before 11.00am where we will observe a minute's silence and await those who attended at the cross.



ADDITIONAL PLANTERS TO BE INSTALLED

Following a request from one of the Council Members, it was agreed that three new three-tiered planters in green should be installed on the small grass verge adjacent to Aldfield Avenue. Permission has now been obtained from Lancashire CC who are responsible for the grass verge and it is expected that they will be in place in time for winter planting. They will be maintained by the Council's lengthsman team, as will the surrounding grass verge, so as to ensure that they are an attractive addition to the visual aspect of the area.



GLADIATOR BASKETBALL UNITS TO BE INSTALLED



In response to a concern that the area is short of facilities for the youth of the area, the Parish Council have agreed to install Gladiator Basketball Units on the Multi use games area adjacent to the Storey housing development off Cottam Way. This open space area has recently been adopted by Preston City Council who have given permission for the installation that will take place over the coming weeks. Whilst basketball is generally regarded as 10-man game there is now a short version called 3x3 basketball, a game that featured recently at the Olympics. 3x3 basketball is a variation of basketball played three-a-side, with one backboard and in a half-court setup. According to an ESSEC Business School study commissioned by the International Olympic Committee, 3x3 is the largest urban team sport in the world.

LOCAL HISTORY



Although Cottam may be perceived to be a relatively new housing area, hidden behind the development lies much local history. This has recently been the subject of a number of videos, produced by a local historian, that give an interesting insight into various events and, the lives of people of the past. The films are of various lengths and have been made available on You Tube under the main heading of:

'The Story of Cottam Hall and the Haydock Family'

A link has been provided on our web site home page
<http://www.leacottam-pc.gov.uk>

Simply click on 'HISTORY OF COTTAM AND SURROUNDING AREA'