



### COUNCIL IMPROVES COMMUNICATIONS



The Parish Council have now moved into the 21st century and created a Facebook page. The suggestion came from one of our younger members who assisted in setting it up with a view to be able to communicate with our residents far more quickly than in the past. The intention is for the page to be used to provide information to residents who will be able to comment on any of the material provided. It will however, not be available for residents to make original posts hence any general queries or concerns must still be placed direct via the Council's email address provided. Initial feedback is good with 3500 people being reached on the first post made with over 500 engagements then ensuing. It is not intended, at this stage that the facebook page will replace any of our other lines of communication and so our newsletters, web site and notice boards will continue to be used as appropriate. Links between our web page and Facebook page have been established.

### DODNEY DRIVE GREENS ENHANCED



As we reported in our last issue the bench seats have now been moved to new locations in order to make them more accessible to residents and visitors especially after wet weather. Litter bins have also been installed and will be regularly emptied by our lengthsman team. The rolling of the two greens was undertaken some weeks ago and, this will be repeated as required in order to help level undulations and make them more likely to be used by local resident families for recreational purposes. Sadly a number of the recently planted trees have not survived and will need to be replaced. The tree stock however, was under a 12 month guarantee from our supplier and the failed trees will be replaced in the autumn at no cost to this Council. At the same time the bulb planting that is part of the enhancement scheme will take place.

## COUNCIL UNDERTAKES AUDIT OF LOCAL PONDS

The working group that was formed to identify enhancement works for the Cottam area have now concluded their work and, as a result the Parish Council will undertake some improvement works this coming autumn. Twenty ponds of varying sizes and condition have been identified. Most of the work will be undertaken by our lengthsman team although some expenditure will be incurred on materials particularly where paths need to be re-instated to a better standard. Planning has now commenced on prioritising the work that will be done mainly on the basis of undertaking tasks in the more highly visible areas first. It is expected the project will run over into 2023 due to the amount of work required. Below are a couple of photographs of ponds which are to be enhanced and cleared of overgrowth and excess vegetation.



## COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE OUTSIDE PLAY AREA



Refurbishment of the Cottam Community Centre outside playground has been completed and it is looking very attractive. The main works were paid for by the Community Centre who obtained some external grant funding. The Parish Council agreed that their lengthsman team could also be involved and were responsible for removing the previous worn flooring, removing two trees where the

root system had made the previous surface uneven and dangerous, and repainting the existing two benches.

## GRANT FUNDING

The Parish Council continue to maintain a small budget to assist by way of grant, 'not for profit' groups within the community. These grants must be used for a specific purpose that is clearly identifiable. If your group is wishing to undertake a project and might need assistance please contact the Clerk to the Council who can give guidance on how to apply.

### **REPORTING ISSUES - FALLEN OR DAMAGED TREES**

During windy weather the area can be susceptible to damaged or fallen trees such as in the adjacent photo. These are the responsibility of Preston City Council and should be reported using their online reporting system which takes only a few minutes.

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/1131/Report-a-tree-problem>



### **COTTAM WAY POND - NEW BENCHES INSTALLED**

Following improvements having been made to the Cottam Way pond adjacent to the Storey Homes development, the Parish Council have installed two new benches. These can be seen in the adjacent photograph and, have been placed looking towards the pond area that is now attracting various forms of wildlife. Our lengthsman team were involved with the installation and, have received some very positive feedback for what is yet another project undertaken by your local Parish Council.



### **LEA TOWN LAMP POST PLANTERS INSTALLED**



It has taken some time to obtain LCC Highways approval however, the new lamp post planters have now been installed on Darkinson Lane, Lea Town. They have been planted out and should make a pleasant addition to the lane during the summer months. They will be taken down in the autumn and, subject to LCC renewing the licence, will be planted out and put back up for the summer of next year.

### **SAVICK LIBRARY HAS NEW HOME**

Savick library has a temporary new home pending redevelopment of the old site. The Savick Library Community Friends Group (SLCF) continue to hold frequent and regular community events throughout the year in the library situated at Preston West Children's Centre, Ashton Primary School, Ainsdale Drive, Preston PR2 1TU. Activities include coffee mornings, crafting, creative arts, local history, singing, music, local author talks, photography and general interest talks. The library knit and natter group meet every Friday between 10.00am and 12.00pm

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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE

**5TH SEPTEMBER 2022 & 10TH OCTOBER 2022**

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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