



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY

There is currently a member vacancy on the South Ward (Lea) of Lea and Cottam Parish Council Parish 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 is 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.

FUTURE PROJECTS

At the last meeting of the Parish Council consideration was given to a number of potential projects that the Council might undertake using funds emanating from housing development in the area. These funds are referred to as the Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) which was introduced by Central Government a few years ago and require a part of them to be given to a local Parish or Town Council where one exists. The use of the funds is however restricted somewhat and must be spent in accordance with The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2013 - CIL Regulation 59C:

A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding

(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

(b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

After much discussion it was agreed that 15 potential projects should be taken forward for further investigation and a number of working groups were formed to undertake, research, cost the projects and present reports to future Council meetings for consideration. These are detailed on the next page of this newsletter.

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS

Refurbish the 'War Horse' opposite Cottam Community Centre – The Clerk will deal with this initially by making enquiries of the sculptor who undertook part of the work initially.

Enhance the pond opposite the Ancient Oak, the one near the pelican crossing on Cottam Way and the one on Valentines Meadow – The Clerk will obtain quotations from Aquatic Services who dealt the pond by the cross on Cottam Way

To investigate the provision of Welcome Signage / Feature / Entrance Artwork to Lea, Cottam and Lea Town – Cllrs Butler and Lambert (Lea) Cllrs Gibson and Smith (Cottam) Cllr Rayfield (Lea Town)

Clean all Stone Statues in Cottam – Cllr Coward

Additional post toddler age Swing and Replacement Fall Matting to playground area Jubilee Park – Cllr Butler and Clerk

Drainage Dodney Drive Round Green – Cllrs Brown and Whitham

Enhancement of Miller Green facilities including potential raised beds – Cllrs Casterton and Coward

Additional Bulb and Tree planting - Cllr Rayfield (Lea Town) Cllr Whitham (Lea) Cllrs Gibson and Parker (Cottam)

Planters by bus stops on Blackpool Road – Cllrs Butler and Lambert

Replant Garden Areas around Cottam Community Centre car park – Clerk and Lengthsman Team

Additional Planting on Jubilee Park to mask existing fencing – Cllr Butler and Clerk

Purchase and locate Defribulators in Parish – Cllr Lambert

Replace several old wooden Benches – Clerk and Lengthsman Team

Re- stone path by canal – Clerk and Lengthsman Team

Provide Information Boards along canal – Cllr Parker

The above are in addition to the existing projects which are still ongoing

Enhancement of Canberra Memorial Statues and surrounding area including information boards

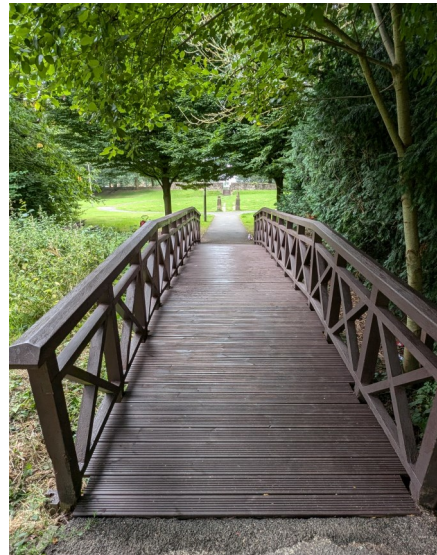
Replacing the defunct fountain in the pond on Cottam Way

Replacing diseased trees within Cottam Open Space areas between the canal and Greenside

Creation of a 'Trim Trail' on Jubilee Recreation Ground.

AROUND AND ABOUT

The lengthsman team continue to work hard keeping the area clean and tidy. Below are a couple of 'before and after' photographs showing the effect that they are having to our area. The decking, which was uneven due to previous temporary repairs, had loose and rotted boards has been completely replaced. The timber has been supplied by Preston City Council and our own team have undertaken the replacement and re-stained the bridge. This is the second one to have been done recently and a third has already been identified which will hopefully be done soon.



DEDICATED POLICE OFFICERS

Our area now has dedicated police officers who can be contacted as follows:

Jenny Coupe who now covers the Cottam and Ingol Area
email:3579@lancashire.police.uk Tel 07779972781

Abby Ward who now covers Lea and Larches Area
email:3725@lancashire.police.uk Tel 07929713988

The above contact details must only be used for non urgent and non crime matters

PLEASE NOTE THAT CRIMES MUST BE REPORTED USING 101 OR 999

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS ON 7TH OCTOBER 2024

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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