



Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Butler, Whitham, Casterton, Gibson,  
Abram, Rayfield, Smith, Jewell, Coward, O'Donnell, Lambert and Parker

There were 5 members of the public present which included the two local PCs for the area, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and local Ward Councillor

01/24 To receive Apologies

**Cllr Brown**

02/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.***

03/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

**None**

04/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

*The meeting was adjourned*

*The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Andy Pratt) explained his role and responded to questions from members and the public. He referred to the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 which set out the five priorities being Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour, Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime, Tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence, Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery and Targeting Dangerous Drivers. The plan can be viewed @ <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/the-police-and-crime-plan/>*

*Andy himself is particularly responsible for the Road Safety Agenda and works in conjunction with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership who will look at public concerns about speeding amongst other things. Full details can be viewed @ <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/> where road safety concerns may be reported for investigation.*

*He mentioned that in today's rapidly evolving world, ensuring the safety and security of our homes and businesses is of paramount importance. One vital tool that aids in this is Closed-Circuit Television Cameras, which act as a vigilant eye, monitoring activities in and around our premises. To further improve community safety and assist law enforcement, Lancashire Constabulary offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to voluntarily register their CCTV cameras through the Community Portal. This can be done @ <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/>*

*It was agreed that the two local PCs (Abby Ward - Lea & Jen Coupe - Cottam) would provide their contact details to the Clerk for circulation amongst Members.*

*It was also confirmed that current policy was to have more Neighbourhood Policing in place something was now evident in this area with local officers as detailed above. Mention was made of PACT meetings in the Lea area, and it was confirmed that officers would attend when available. There was concern that local crime and ASB figures were not available in depth, and it was suggested that the Street Check web site might provide more specific information - <https://www.streetcheck.co.uk/>*

*In response to a question, it was confirmed that there is a Drone Unit which is generally used for major incidents and to assist in locating drug farms and that this is an area which is being developed for the future.*

*Concern was raised regarding Mopeds/E-Cycles etc on Guild Wheel – police are aware of the issue and are targeting reported areas. They are unable to ‘chase’ due to public safety concerns but are trying to identify entrances and exits which are regularly used so that action and seizure can take place as appropriate. It is important that residents supply information to assist.*

*Police always respond to 999 calls however mental health issues require the right care for the right person. Reference was made to the Hub of Hope which can be used to help achieve that outcome. The Hub of Hope is the UK’s leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time - <https://hubofhope.co.uk/page/what-is-the-hub-of-hope>*

*Referring to a question on Cyber Crime it was mentioned that this is a growing issue, that there is a National Cyber Crime Unit however it is important that people are aware and are careful in responding to emails etc especially when they are unsure where they are from. This area of crime is not in the current plan but may well be in the future. The officers present stated they would see if any literature was available.*

*It was noted that the Preston Courts are now back open, as is the case at Lancaster and that a new site is being developed in Blackpool. It was also mentioned that the police are considering opening more local police stations. Andy also referred to a ‘Life Saver Course’ run by NW Ambulance which could be undertaken by groups so that individuals were trained to respond quickly to accidents and collisions as all too often it is local people who are the first on the scene.*

*Andy was thanked for his input.*

*A resident then raised issues with regard to closed public rights of way that he felt had been closed for several years. He had already contacted the Chairman on these issues and the Chairman was looking at his observations.*

05/24 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

06/11/2023	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	77	345.00
06/11/2023	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTING	78	74.34
06/11/2023	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	79	272.50
06/11/2023	COTTAM COMMUNITY ASSOC ROOM HIRE	80	30.00
06/11/2023	GGG LENGTHSMAN TEAM	81	2300.90
06/11/2023	SAR SERVICES LENGTHSMAN TEAM	82	241.50
06/11/2023	MILJUE GS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	83	523.25
06/11/2023	G THOMPSON LENGTHSMAN TEAM	84	172.50
20/11/2023	SPECIALIST AQUATIC SERVICES	85	180.00
20/11/2023	BG FENCING	86	566.80
20/11/2023	COTTAM COMMUNITY ASSOC ROOM HIRE	87	30.00
05/12/2023	DAVEROB COMMISSION PARISH COUNCIL WARD MONTAGUES	88	1800.00
05/12/2023	PRESTON CC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION	89	16406.00
07/12/2023	SAR SERVICES LENGTHSMAN TEAM	90	345.00
07/12/2023	SLCC SUBSCRIPTION 1/3 RD SHARE	91	118.32
07/12/2023	GGG LENGTHSMAN TEAM	92	2456.60
07/12/2023	MILJUE GS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	93	747.50
07/12/2023	VISION ICT WEB HOSTING SUPPORT AND DOMAIN RENEWAL	94	357.60
07/12/2023	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	95	632.50
07/12/2023	REIMBURSE CLERK XMAS EVENT REFRESHMENTS SWEETS ETC	96	86.00
07/12/2023	G THOMPSON LENGTHSMAN TEAM	97	690.00
18/12/2023	GGG LENGTHSMAN TEAM	98	1307.50
18/12/2023	HMRC TAX DEDUCTIONS AND EMPLOYER NAT INS	99	2485.81
18/12/2023	WV MCENNERNEY-WHITTLE SALARY 3RD QTR	100	3149.02
18/12/2023	SANDERSONS AND SONS GRASS CUTTING	101	1272.00
21/12/2023	EON NEXT ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO DARKINSON LANE	102	2.85
27/12/2023	MILJUE GS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	103	517.50
27/12/2023	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	104	540.50

27/12/2023	SAR SERVICES LENGTHSMAN TEAM	105	218.50
31/12/2023	BANK CHARGES	106	18.00

***It was resolved that the payments referred to above should be approved***

06/24 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement and Report as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

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07/24 To consider the requested contribution to Preston City Council as per the enclosed letter.

***It was resolved that the requested contribution of £32812 for 2024/5 towards open space maintenance costs to be paid to Preston City Council should be approved.***

08/24 To receive a verbal update report from the playground enhancement working group

*The following information was provided:*

*The group are awaiting quotes for the installation of new equipment on the play area on Haydocks Lane, together with the pointing of the walls in that area and the installation of a further bench or relocation of an existing one. It is expected that the quotes will be available for the next meeting so that the setting of a budget can be considered using CIL monies. Engagement with PCC will then take place to carry the project forward as appropriate.*

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