



MINUTES of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Monday the 7th April 2025 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were 4 members of the public present

22/25 To receive apologies

Cllr Lambert

23/25 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

24/25 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Smith, Gibson and Parker declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 10 on the agenda since they were all Committee Members of Cottam Community Association as was one of the applicants. They left the room and were not involved in the debate or voting on this item.

25/25 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Residents present raised concerns that the proposed trim trail / gym on Jubilee Park was planned to be installed in a position too close to their properties, would affect their well-being and would attract anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of their homes. One resident stated that he had drawn attention to this on the Council web site using the on-line contact form. The Clerk confirmed that for whatever reason these had not been received. It was felt that the issues raised above should now be considered.

It was confirmed that a bus service along Hoyles Lane had now re-started.

It was confirmed that the location of a bench near to the Co-op had been monitored in respect of anti-social behaviour, however there had been no identified issues which would merit consideration to moving it.

26/25 To consider whether this Council wishes to make any comment in response to the Central Lancashire Local Plan Consultation (details of which have already been circulated to members)

The Plan shows that there are two Key Development Areas allocated to Lea and Cottam Parish Council comprising Land to the west of Dodney Drive (HS4.2 page 60) which already has planning permission and is currently under construction and Land at Cottam Hall (HS4.1.2 page 60) which is located at the junction of Cottam Way and Lea Road and has also already had planning permission and is under construction.

In addition, a section of land west of Lea Road has been allocated for future development (Ref SS5) Page 38 to 42 of the plan. This area is designated Preston West and is part of the area in which the new rail station will be located, and which will have housing development, some of which has already been considered by this Council minute 69/22 whereby no

objections were raised in principle however comments were made with regard to ensuring adequate drainage and that the removal of hedgerows and trees should be restricted to essential needs both of which are referred to at Page 41.

There is also reference to development in area SS3 North West Preston/Bartle (page 29 -33) however this is mainly outside our boundaries and where it is within our area already has planning permission and construction is almost complete.

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

27/25 To approve the following payments:

27/02/2025	A T CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	114	825.00
27/02/2025	G THOMPSON LENGTHSMAN TEAM	115	720.00
27/02/2025	BG FENCING LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	116	194.05
27/02/2025	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	117	2448.00
27/02/2025	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	118	720.00
27/02/2025	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	119	720.00
27/02/2025	COTTAM CC ROOM HIRE	120	35.00
28/02/2025	BANK CHARGES	121	7.80

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

28/25 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at 31st December 2024

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29/25 To consider a request from Cllr Jewell who has apparently had representation from some residents to the north of Jubilee Recreation Ground that the already agreed trim trail should now be moved further towards the centre of the ground as it is currently situated too close to their properties.

It was resolved that Preston City Council should be asked to obtain a new quotation for the installation of the trim trail in a location further towards the centre of the recreation ground so as to avoid the concerns raised by residents who felt it was too near to their properties.

30/25 To consider the exclusion of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the next item of business to be transacted

It was resolved that the public and press should be excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

31/25 To consider the five applications which have been sent out under separate cover to members and consider appointing one of the applicants to fill the current casual vacancy that exists for Cottam Ward.

It was resolved that Brandon McFarlane should be co-opted as a Member of this Council

32/25 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 12th May 2025.

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