

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES**2. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS****3. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th May 2008 (already circulated)****4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting will be adjourned to listen to representations from the public.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION

2008/0443 – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house, conversion of existing outbuildings to form 6 dwellings, together with reconstruction of building to form garaging and domestic/cycle storage @ New House Farm Tudor Ave Lea Preston PR4 0XA.

Members are asked to consider whether any representation should be made in respect of the above application.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members are asked to approve the following payments:

CHQ NUMBER	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
500460	Balloons and Gas Express	Balloons for Lea Gala	46.41
500461	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman / Materials	500.99
500462	Chorley Bottle Gas	Gas for Lea Gala	40.00
500463	Viking Direct	Stationery	162.80
500464	Printing World	Newsletter and Annual Report	490.00
500465	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman / Materials	649.00
500466	Trinity Church Cottam Hall	Donation to float expenses – S137	100.00
500467	W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary and Expenses (1 st quarter 2008/9)	2495.03
500468	Inland Revenue	Tax & Nat Insurance (1 st quarter 2008/9)	985.85
500469	Longton Parish Council	Photocopying Costs	64.76

7. PRESTON CITY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members are asked to consider an invitation to nominate one member to be considered for the Preston City Council Standards Committee (Papers enclosed)

8. INSURANCE – FIDELITY GUARANTEE

The Council's present Fidelity Guarantee is set at £37000.00 however within this financial year the maximum amount at any one time within the Councils Bank Account is almost £47000.00 as a result of an increased Precept, a high carry forward position and funds received in respect of the lengthsman scheme. Whilst not necessarily required by law it is considered best practice and strongly recommended by the External Auditor that the Fidelity Guarantee should cover the maximum amount held in any one year.

Members are asked to approve that the Chairman and RFO sign the necessary proposal form in order to increase the cover to £47000.00

9. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It is recommended practice for Financial Regulations to be reviewed from time to time. These were last done in August 2005. The RFO has undertaken a full review in the light of current guidelines and attached is a draft copy of his proposals. The only change from the existing regulations is to increase the level at which a formal tender is required from £2500 to £10000 since the existing figure is very low. Please note that at this new figure of £10000 the Council would be required to go to formal tender however it would still have the opportunity to go to tender at any lower figure on any particular future contract should it so wish.

Members are asked to approve the Financial Regulations as above.

10. YOUTH SHELTER

Members are requested to consider a suggestion that this Council might in some way become involved in the provision of a Youth Shelter within the Parish

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 1st September 2008