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**YOUR COUNCIL MEETS APPROX EVERY SIX WEEKS.
THE DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:**

**31st March 2008
19th May 2008 (APCM)**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
CHURCH HALL BLACKPOOL RD LEA
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM
(Please enter by the rear door)**

**THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND LISTEN TO THE
DEBATE AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS
(A period for public participation is allowed)**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE
PLACE AT 7.00PM ON THE 19th MAY 2008
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.**

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS NOT A COUNCIL MEETING.
IT IS A MEETING OF THE PARISH ELECTORATE AT WHICH THEY
CAN RAISE ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE PARISH AS A WHOLE AND
HAVE THEIR SAY ON HOW THEY FEEL THE PARISH CAN BE
DEVELOPED.

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- ◆ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
- ◆ THE NEXT AGENDA
- ◆ THE CLERK'S REPORTS
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2008**

A DOG IS A MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Yes, it is probably fair to say that a dog is often a great family friend however regrettably it is not always the case that owners take proper care of them particularly in cleaning up behind them and this can in many cases lead to the spread of disease and as a minimum dirty and untidy streets.

A number of complaints have been received recently and it is perhaps appropriate to make a request to owners to clean up after their pets. Failure to do so is an offence and can result in fines and whilst hopefully it will not be necessary to go to this end owners need to be aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Residents themselves have a part to play in keeping our streets clean and tidy and in the unfortunate circumstances where dog fouling is left unattended by the owner. Residents are able to report the matter with full details of the owner to Preston City Council whose dog wardens will take appropriate action. Even the identification of the type of dog and the times at which the offences occur may be sufficient for the warden to take action in some way.



**Please do your bit whether as an owner or member of
the public and help to keep our streets clean, tidy and
healthy for the benefit of all.**



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Residents may well have noticed changes to the road signage on Lea Lane in the area of Lea Town recently. Finally after approaches from your Parish Council a speed restriction of 40 mph has been approved and applied to that part of Lea Lane approaching the village centre, something which will hopefully make the road safer particularly in the vicinity of the local school. It is interesting to note that concern with regard to the speed of traffic on Lea Lane is not new and was apparently mentioned almost 40 years ago. Now that the restriction is in place the Parish Council will be monitoring speeds in that area and 2 new Speed Indicator Device brackets are to be erected to allow the Parish Council device to be used in order to draw drivers attention to their speed with a view to educating drivers to be aware of their speed and

DRIVE WITHIN THE SPEED LIMIT.



PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2008/9

In December 2007 the Council considered its budget for the forthcoming financial year and set its Precept for 2008/9 at £31800.00. Historically Preston City Council have collected the Precept on behalf of the Parish Council on the basis of 50% indirectly from Preston City Council Tax and 50% from residents of the parish direct. This year Preston CC have applied a 'cap' on the amount which will be collected indirectly and therefore many parishes will see an increase in the direct contribution from residents. For Lea and Cottam this differential is very small due to the size of our parish and will mean that 49% will be collected indirectly from PCC Council Tax whilst 51% will be collected directly from residents and shown on their Council Tax bills. In monetary terms this will mean less than 1p per week more being collected directly for the average household.

Expenditure for 2008/9 which has been provisioned for in the budget includes:

- A further extension of the lengthsman scheme which will include the cutting of the grass on the Dodney Drive 'greens' being incorporated into the workload together with a slight increase in hours generally to allow more local additional services to be provided primarily around the 'keeping our area tidy' campaign.
- 10000 additional bulbs are to be planted on the verges of the Western Approach in 2008 to further enhance the ambience of the area generally
- MWK Contractors Ltd will continue to cut the grass and hedges on Miller Green
- Quarterly Newsletters will continue to be published.
- The now established Christmas Tree erection and ceremony will continue.
- Hanging baskets will once again feature in Lea Town this coming summer

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Parish Council has been pursuing for over 3 years the installation of a new bus shelter in Lea Town to replace the existing concrete one which has become well worn and potentially dangerous. Funding has been agreed and work is taking place to install the new stop at the present time.

The Parish Council have been concerned for some time with regard to the level of maintenance of the grass verges and open space in the Cottam area. Residents may be aware that currently this is mainly the responsibility of English Partnerships however discussions have been going on for some time with regard to this maintenance work being taken over by Preston City Council which will certainly make life easier in identifying who is responsible for what. The Parish Council have had some success in the past in reporting issues and getting works carried out however it has always been difficult to know exactly who has been responsible for what and what regularity of maintenance contract exists. As a result of the proposed changes it was suggested that the Parish Council should in some way be involved and whilst it is unlikely that the Parish Council will be able to influence such things as the regularity of work (this is likely to be controlled by available finance) there appears to be no reason why the Parish Council should not be aware of the contract work schedules and perhaps act as a local monitoring tool to ensure that works are carried out to satisfactory standards. With this in mind it has been agreed that Preston CC will meet with representatives of the Parish Council to help fully understand the implications of any new contract and what part the Parish Council might play.