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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007/8

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
BAL FWD	5361.83	S137 PAYMENTS	644.00
PRECEPT	30880.00	SUBS DONATIONS	890.34
INTEREST	570.05	HIRE HALL	200.00
VAT RECOVERED	1775.83	STAFF COSTS INCL NAT INS & TRAINING	13157.33
LENGTHSMAN INCOME	963.00	LENGTHSMAN	4732.75
GRANTS RECEIVED	650.00	INSURANCE GRASS CUTTING	597.59
OTHER	274.98	ADMIN AUDIT	2650.00
SPID WORKS	1100.00	NEWSLETTER	1446.03
INSURANCE CLAIM	259.64	XMAS TREE	1175.00
		BENCH GARDEN	788.00
		ELECTION HANGING BASKETS	384.64
		VAT TO BE RECOVERED	220.00
		MATERIALS	649.00
		BAL C/FWD	450.00
		TOTAL	1000.53
TOTAL	41835.33	TOTAL	41835.33

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ANNUAL REPORT 2007/8



SPRING SHOW 2008 COMES EARLY

The spring daffodils came somewhat early this year but none the less provided a glorious display across an increased area on the approach into the Parish. Further planting has been agreed for later this year as your Parish Council continue to seek to improve the appearance of this part of the Parish.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2007/8

I had the honour of being elected Chairman of the Parish Council in May of last year. During the intervening 12 months important changes have occurred, existing provisions and services enhanced and preparation begun for future ambitious projects.

At the start of the year we welcomed three newly elected councillors; Mr John Coward, Mr Peter Jones and Mrs Nora Ward. I would like to thank the outgoing councillors Mrs Julie Buttle and Mr Ken Roulston for their valued contributions during their term of office.

The main achievement of the past year was obtaining Quality Council Status under the Central Government initiative relating to the professionalism and community involvement of local Councils. Our Council is the only Parish Council in the Preston area and one of the few in Lancashire to receive this award. The benefits obtained include greater ability to provide more local services and to influence the decision making process of Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council. To achieve this aim the Council has been represented in discussions at County Hall in the process of forming a Parish Charter. The objective of the Charter is to formalise understanding and co-operation within the various tiers of local government.

Amongst the successes we can be proud of this year is achieving a 40 mph zone on the Lea Lane approach to Lea Town. This has been a long campaign but the signage is now in place. We will be able to monitor the effectiveness of the speed restriction using the Speed Indicator Device. We have now taken control of the SPID and can supply the police with data for enforcement should that become necessary.

The lengthsman scheme continues to be used effectively to create improvements in the Parish and I would like to thank Peter for the good work he does. Additional hours have been allocated to facilitate:

Grass cutting on the two large greens in Dodney Drive

Increased activity in re-locating and retrieving data from SPID

Further planting of 10,000 daffodils on the Blackpool Road western approach to the parish

Tidying up 'grot spots' identified during our recent tidy up campaign.

I'm pleased to report that initiatives introduced over the last few years have continued to flourish and will again be provided this year. I include the hanging baskets at Lea Town, the Christmas tree at St Christophers and participation in the Community Gala. We also continued with the long standing tradition of making a donation to our parish primary schools and St Mary's Church Lea Town to support burial ground costs.

Members of council continue to play active representative roles in other community bodies. We have three councillors sitting on Lea and Cottam Police and Community Together (PACT) where they are able to bring residents concerns to the attention of the police. Two members also attend the Western Area Forum.

On Sunday November 11 2007 as Chairman I was proud to represent the Council by laying a wreath during the Remembrance Day service at Preston cenotaph. This is the first time we have had an official representation. I found it a moving experience and sincerely hope that we will continue this in future years.

In response to observations about the lack of leisure facilities for young people in the parish it was decided to undertake a consultation exercise to gauge the feelings of the community about the provision of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on Jubilee Park Lea. The result of the survey was favourable with residents seeing this as a measure that could help combat Anti Social Behaviour in the area. The youths in the area also welcomed this initiative. The council is now in discussion with Preston City Council and Community Futures to make progress on this ambitious project.

The past twelve months have again been challenging but rewarding. I feel we are moving forward in providing a better service to the community we are elected to serve. We are now in a stronger position to build on this foundation by achieving Quality Status. Much credit must go to our clerk, Mr Bill Whittle. On behalf of our members I would like to thank him for the hard work, professionalism and guidance he has provided in order for us to achieve this recognition.

In conclusion I would also like to thank fellow members of the Council for their help and support throughout the year. I have found this year to be a very interesting, enjoyable and educational experience that has given me the opportunity to become more acquainted with the complexities of local government. I pass on to the incoming chairman my best wishes in leading the Council to achieve its future objectives.

Alex Butler
Chairman
Lea and Cottam Parish Council



RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT 2007/8

INCOME

The total income came in at £1754.00 greater than the mid year revised budget due to extra income generated from working with Counters & Accessories in developing a better SPID device at £1100.00 and a grant receipt from the Inland Revenue for submission of tax returns on line at £150.00.

In addition £233.98 was received from Longton and Hutton Parish Councils as their contribution to the Clerks SLCC subscriptions and Practitioners Conference attendance.

Interest received was £270.05 higher than anticipated due to higher interest rates and the retention of funds for longer periods than had been anticipated particularly the £4000.00 provision for the Lea Lane speed reduction works which has still not been invoiced to us is carried forward in the end of year balances and will be added to the 2008/9 budget for the sake of future clarity.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure was broadly in line with the revised budget.

Training costs are higher however these are more than offset by the income received from Longton and Hutton with regard to the Practitioners Conference which was paid under this heading.

Vat recoverable is higher than envisaged and will come into income in the next financial year.

Newsletter costs came in under budget by £125.00 since no increase in production costs were applied by our supplier this financial year. We have been notified of an increase of £10 per issue for 2008/9 which has already been allowed for in next years budget.

Christmas tree costs also came in below budget.

The Lea Lane Speed reduction costs have not yet been invoiced and this item of £4000.00 will be carried forward and added to next years budget figures.

SUMMARY

Our expected carry forward of £6628.00 will in fact be £12215.00 although our true reserves taking into account the Lea Lane payment due are effectively only £8215.00 with £1000 Vat to be reclaimed.

This amount, due to the items mentioned above, is 24% higher than anticipated and leaves the Parish Council with a strong reserve position relative to its current activities.