

CLERK'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2008 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Arrangements have been made for this annual event to take place on **Monday the 1st December 2008 at 6.00pm @ St Christopher's Church**. It is envisaged that a short service will be followed by the switch on of the Christmas tree lights by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It has been confirmed that the Parish Wreath has been ordered and will be available for collection from the Town Hall on the day by the representative(s) of the Parish Council

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT NEAR TO BAYTREE FARM

Although the above application for the development of over 100 houses is not in this parish council's catchment area, the closeness to Baytree Farm has meant that a lot of interest and concern has been shown by our residents who live on Baytree Farm and are affected by the new development. Residents are not against the development in principle but do have concerns with regard to the 3 three storey houses and 1 four storey accommodation block which will if granted be close to and adjacent to their properties. Whilst this Parish Council has no statutory representation rights a letter has been sent to the planning dept at Preston City Council referring to these particular buildings and their closeness to existing properties on Baytree Farm. There appear to be a couple of issues with regard to the Preston CC Local Plan policies and the development of this type of building due to the height of the proposed development and issues with regard to overlooking in that the nearest new building would be situated as close as 13 metres to the existing. The creation of an access road would also be likely to affect adversely neighbour amenity for existing residents. The Planning Dept has been asked to place the submitted comments to the Planning Committee for consideration of alteration to the design of the buildings prior to permission being granted.

PLANNING APPLICATION REPRESENTATION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2008/0659 – Erection of 1 no stable block with attached hay store/horse box (following demolition of existing buildings) @ 94 Darkinson Lane – No representation.

LEA & COTTAM PACT

Minutes from the September meeting are enclosed.

EXERCISING THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF PRESTON.

An invitation has been received from the Commanding Officer of the Kings Royal Hussars inviting representation at the forthcoming Exercising of the Freedom of the City of Preston event on the 3rd December 2008. Details of the invitation have been passed to the Chairman of the Parish Council.

W V McEnerney-Whittle