

CLERK'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2008 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (REMINDER)

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.

A5085 BLACKPOOL RD LEA AIP STUDY

Enclosed is a letter and report which has been received for information purposes. The investigation and identified remedial measures have been submitted to the local Police and Preston CC for comment. Should they gain a place in any formal programme of works a full consultation will take place with the public affected.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Please see enclosed papers concerning a proposed future one day Conference to be held at no cost. The Association are at this stage seeking to establish whether there is any support for such an event. Members are asked to individually consider whether they would attend such a Conference so that anticipated numbers can be assessed. **ANY MEMBER WHO WOULD CONSIDER ATTENDING SHOULD LET THE CLERK KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

CLERKS SALARY SCALE 2008/9

Members may be aware that on going discussions have been going on with regard to local government pay scales on which the Clerk's salary is based. To date no final agreement has been reached since the employer offer is below that asked for by the negotiating body. This has meant that local government employees have not received a pay rise since April 2007. It has been agreed therefore that an interim settlement should be applied pending further discussions. A pay rise of 2.45% has therefore been agreed back dated to the 1st April 2008. The Clerk will apply the new scale and back pay to his next salary payment in December 2008 in accordance with his contract of employment.

COTTAM MAINTENANCE

Following the resolution to undertake enhanced 'low level maintenance' in the Cottam area by increasing the hours of the lengthsman it has now been possible to undertake and complete a clean up of the waiting area by the primary school. Further works are scheduled in accordance with the report presented to the Council at the last meeting.

COTTAM CHRISTMAS TREE

Investigation is now going on with regard to a Christmas tree in Cottam in 2009. The local primary school have been approached with regard to the use of an existing permanent tree in their grounds and the suggestion has been well received. Costings are now being obtained for approval by the Council in due course

CODES OF CONDUCT FOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

A further consultation document (enclosed) has been prepared concerning further amendments to the 2007 Model Code of Conduct Order and the introduction of a model code of conduct for local government employees. Members may individually respond to the questionnaire enclosed with the papers or **IF THEY FEEL A PARISH COUNCIL CORPORATE RESPONSE IS REQUIRED THEN THEY SHOULD ADVISE THE CLERK IMMEDIATELY SINCE ANY SUCH RESPONSE WILL NEED TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2008.**

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2008/0839 – Erection of stable block and construction of new vehicular access with associated track hard standing and parking at Field No 3700 Darkinson Lane Lea Town – No representation.

2008/0851 – Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling at Briars Cottage 13 Darkinson Lane Lea Town – No representation.

2008/0833 – Erection of 1 no detached dwelling to replace existing to be demolished at 268 Hoyles Lane Cottam PR4 0LD

2008/0838 – Single storey extension to rear at 50 Cottam Green Cottam PR4 0AB

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED BY PRESTON CC

2008/0659 – Erection stable block @ 94 Darkinson Lane Lea Town following demolition of existing buildings - Granted

W V McEnnerney-Whittle