

CLERK'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2009 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

CHRISTMAS TREE 2009

Progress is being made with regard to a tree for 2009 in Cottam. A location in the school grounds has been identified and Preston CC is now preparing a cost statement to provide a tree on similar lines to that at St Christopher's Church. Once this has been received it will be the subject of an agenda item.

WEB SITE

The new web site is up and running and now provides greater flexibility as to what can be included and a much improved design. Population of information has started and will be completed over the coming weeks

PACT MINUTES

The latest PACT minutes are enclosed.

PLANNING APPLICATION – WESTLEIGH HOUSE LEA RD

A planning application for the development of this building as a Conference Centre and Banqueting Facility has been submitted by the University of Central Lancashire. The application will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

HANGING BASKETS LEA TOWN

These have now been ordered through Preston City Council as last year.

COTTAM MAINTENANCE

Peter has been working in the Cottam area over the last few weeks and has made significant progress on the low level maintenance which the Council has undertaken to do. Many complimentary comments have been received from the public with regard to the work he has done. Noticeably Preston City Council have also been very visible in the area recently undertaking larger scale maintenance jobs with the overall result that many areas are looking particularly attractive. The new web site contains some photographs of areas where Peter has been involved.

CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

A public consultation document has been issued in respect of the above. The consultation runs until the 12th March and is open to anyone to respond although responses from **Council Officials and Councillors** are particularly welcome. The document may be accessed @ www.communities.gov.uk or for those without internet access the Clerk is able to supply a hard copy if requested.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2008/0988 – Extension to side at 1 Valentines Meadow Cottam – No representation made

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

2008/0886 – Extension @ 25 Dodney Drive has been granted.

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