

## **CLERK'S REPORT MARCH 2009 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

### WESTLEIGH HOUSE LEA RD

A number of Council members attended a tour of the above establishment recently to view this historic building and the 'bunker' built as part of the Emergency Planning Unit some years ago. Those who were able to attend found the tour very interesting and look forward to an opportunity in the near future to see the building once again after the improvements to create teaching and banqueting facilities by the University are complete.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2009/0065 – Extension @ 27 Finney Park Drive PR2 1QZ – no representation

2009/0110 – Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the erection of a sun room @ 35 The Grange Cottam PR4 0LP – no representation

2009/0125 – Extension @ 34 Miller Lane Cottam PR4 0ND – no representation

2009/0156 – Extension @ 52 Valentines Meadow Cottam PR4 0LF – no representation

2009/0166 – Extension @ 3 The Evergreens Cottam PR4 0LQ (amended scheme) – no representation

### DECISION NOTICES PRESTON CC

2008/0988 – Extension at 1 Valentines Meadow agreed

### PARISH PLAN CONSULTATION

137 letters have now been issued to local business, schools and other organisations in line with the Council's resolution to seek early views with regard to the potential facilitation of a Parish Plan. The results of the consultation will be analysed and it is expected that at the May meeting the Council will be asked whether they wish to take the potential project to the next stage.

### PRECEPT

Notice has been received that the precept grant payable to Lea and Cottam PC has been limited to a maximum of £5000 for the year 2009/2010. In the past a significant portion of the Parish Precept was collected from the residents of Preston as a whole with only the remainder coming from the Lea and Cottam residents direct. The previous policy was based on the number of electors in each parish whereas the new policy allows up to 50% of the Precept maximum £5000 to be collected generally. This does not alter the total amount received by this Parish but does alter the amount which residents pay direct for parish expenditures as reflected in Council tax bills.

### PACT

The latest new style Pact minutes are enclosed.

### RESIGNATION

Cllr Edwards has tendered her resignation. The required statutory notices have been posted.

### BUS SERVICES

A letter was sent to Stagecoach as requested under minute number 23/09. The replies are enclosed.

W V McEnerney-Whittle