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*New Year
Newsletter 2018*

Your Voice in the Community

LENGTHSMAN - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANT REQUIRED



The Neighbourhood Council have been informed that their current lengthsman will not be seeking to renew his contract after 31st March 2018. As a result the NC have decided to amalgamate this role with that of the Environmental Assistant which was advertised in our last newsletter. Those who applied have been informed of this decision, since it will now be necessary to re-advertise the new combined role which carries more responsibility and will therefore attract a higher contract price. The new advertisement is shown on the inside page of this newsletter together with details of the works schedule that this Council wish to implement. The lengthsman role itself has historic origins stemming from the creation of the canal system of many years ago. Maintenance of the canals was done by a person who had responsibility for a 'length' of canal; hence the introduction of the name 'lengthsman'. Today

the role focuses on helping to keep an area or neighbourhood tidy and attractive by removing unsightly litter and weed growth. The role also incorporates small / medium sized project work which saves the Council money because it can then carry out tasks itself rather than having to go to external contractors.

BENCHES

At the last meeting of the Council it was agreed that 5 bench seats should be installed at various locations across the neighbourhood. These have now been ordered and will be installed early in the New Year. Places for People have agreed to fund part of the cost something which is greatly appreciated by the Neighbourhood Council.

YOUTH SHELTER

The Neighbourhood Council have formed a working group to look at the feasibility of erecting a 'youth shelter' in the area. Consultation with local youths, the police and other interested parties will take place before any final decision is made.

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Upcoming Meeting

**The next meeting of your
Neighbourhood Council is on
28th FEBRUARY 2018
7pm at St. Margaret's Church**

PRECEPT 2018 / 2019

At the December 2017 meeting of the Council consideration was given to the level of its Precept for the forthcoming financial year. After much discussion it was agreed that the Precept would be increased by approx £5000 in order to provide the Council with sufficient reserves to be able to embark on further projects which would enhance the facilities and appearance of the area. This increase amounts to an increase of less than 4p per week per household on average. For those who benefit from Council tax relief the rise will be less and in some cases there will be no additional burden at all. The Council are interested to know what projects you, our residents, would like to see take place in the next 12 months. Let us know your views on what is required in your neighbourhood.

ADVERTISEMENT

Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council are seeking to appoint a self-employed person in the role of Lengthsman / Environmental Assistant to the NC for an initial 12-month period.

The right person will be self-employed working an average of 28 hours per week over 5 days on a flexible service contract at a rate of £13 per hour = £18928.00 per annum.

Interested parties should contact the
Clerk to the Council on 01772 733829
or **e-mail ingoltantertonnc@hotmail.co.uk**

For further information, a works description (see next page), service contract details and application form.

Closing date for applications is 28th February 2018

Please note that this is a role which involves working outside often in difficult weather conditions and requires the successful applicant to either be self employed or register as such – take out public liability insurance cover, have access to a suitable vehicle and provide their own equipment.

VANDALISM AT NISA STORE / TANTERTON CENTRE

Further vandalism has occurred at the above sites. New cameras installed by the Neighbourhood Council and a camera belonging to Tanterton Village Centre have been badly damaged. As a result the remaining cameras have been removed whilst the Council considers its position. One option might be to install cameras on poles with protective razor wire so that they cannot be reached. The Council will consider its options shortly.

It is also disappointing to note that our Christmas tree lights have also suffered from vandalism and many of the lights have had to be replaced at significant cost to the Neighbourhood Council.

The above incidents have been reported to the police - if anyone has any information which might help to bring the culprits to justice please contact the police direct.



LENGTHSMAN - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANT ROLE

To undertake small to medium sized outside project works as required from time to time and undertake handyman duties as might be needed.

To manage in accordance with an agreed schedule the management of the SPID device.

To assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the neighbourhood by removing undergrowth, weeds etc, undertake verge edging as required and to act as a litter picker in key areas of the neighbourhood.

To take responsibility for planter maintenance including watering as required and planting up twice per year in agreement with the Contract Administrator

To help reduce incidents of dog faeces being left on pavements etc by having street presence and reporting incidents to the PCC Dog Warden and help to identify high incidence areas so that appropriate action can then be taken by the Dog Warden under PCC Dog Control Orders. The role will require the person appointed to be registered as a Canine Volunteer under the Preston City Council volunteer scheme

To identify damaged verges, fly tipping, graffiti, inconsiderate parking and report same to the appropriate authority using the newly developed reporting systems for PCC and LCC wherever possible – this to be done initially via the Contract Administrator

To be a point of contact for residents who might have issues which then can be passed forward to the Contract Administrator for consideration of action by the NC

To undertake as and when required such environmental issues that might arise from time to time.

THINGS THEY ARE A CHANGING

In recent years LCC, who are the Highways Authority, have changed the way in which issues should be reported to them. The previous arrangements whereby individuals could make direct contact with officers is no longer possible since there have been significant staff reductions. The correct procedure is for issues to be reported either on line or by telephone. This allows individuals to receive a log number which can then be checked to find out what action has been taken. Unless an issue is logged it is unlikely that any action will be taken.

If you have any issues with items such as pot holes, streetlighting, public rights of way or flooding please go to www.lancashire.gov.uk and on the main page you will see 'Report a Highways Fault' - you will need to put in a post code and then a map will appear - you can move the map around and use the drop down headings to report your issue. This system is the quickest way to make a report and means that your issue has been logged for action as appropriate - why not try it and save officer time by reporting direct and not through any other means.

If you cannot do it on line then simply ring LCC and report your issue; **but do not forget to get that all important log number for future reference if needed.**