

**LENGTHSMAN / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANT
HAS NOW BEEN APPOINTED**



The Neighbourhood Council have now obtained the services of Mark Bamber who has taken on the above mentioned role. Mark will be known to many of you since he has lived in the area for over 35years. Mark sponsors Tanterton Football Club where he also assists with the maintenance of the pitch. He also works with Preston North End on match days helping with crowd control and with the Lancashire FA undertaking security work.

Work has already commenced on removing litter from around the Granton Walk shops. Mark has started edging the grass verges on Tag Lane and those grassed areas around Tanterton recreation ground children's play area. He has recently made contact with the dog warden at Preston City Council and he will liaise with them to identify areas of concern regarding dog faeces, with a view to action being taken against those dog owners who refuse to pick up their dog's faeces. He has undertaken ladder training which will allow him to manage our Speed Indicator Device, aimed at encouraging drivers to keep within the speed limit. Work has also been completed on repairing and staining our planters which have been restocked with summer bedding. These will be maintained as part of his role during the summer months.

Mark will be seen out and about - if you have any queries or concerns then please let Mark know. Whilst he may not be able to do anything about it himself he may be able to point you in the right direction or refer you to the Clerk of the Council who will guide you on how you can report issues that concern you.

BENCHES INSTALLED



The installation of 5 new benches across the neighbourhood has now been completed. They have been positioned in accordance with our working group recommendations and will hopefully provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to stop and relax for a few moments as they go about their daily activities.

YOUTH SHELTER

The Neighbourhood Council voted against the provision of a youth shelter in the area. Our working group undertook local consultation on the idea however there was no real appetite for such a project from either Preston City Council, CGA or PFP who were the main landowners upon which a shelter might have been erected or from a small sample of residents who voiced opinion against the scheme. However the NC have appointed the existing working group to consider other suitable ways of engaging with the youth of the area including the potential for providing activities or facilities for them to become involved with. If you have any suggestions please contact any member of the working group which comprises Cllrs Darby and Bevan.

CCTV NISA STORE / TANTERTON AREA



Work is still going on to resolve the issues which have so far stopped the Neighbourhood Council from installing CCTV in the above area. Our Council working group have been in contact with specialist CCTV installers and a design has been put together which would allow the erection of CCTV at a height sufficient to stop any possible vandalism and which would provide good cover across the whole area. This would also require some additional fencing to be erected to protect the external equipment. The working group are hoping to put the finalised proposals to the next meeting for discussion and approval.

DOG FAECES

A suggestion was recently made to increase awareness signage across the area relating to the penalties for not picking up your dog's faeces. Since LCC will no longer allow self adhesive signs to be placed on lamp posts we would need to create bespoke metal signage which might be allowed. Investigation is taking place to identify suitable locations for such signage so that permission may be sought from LCC for their erection.

TANTERTON RECREATION AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Neighbourhood Council have earmarked £30K for the redevelopment and improvement to the above area. It has been suggested that work needs to be done to the ground areas around the existing play equipment and that further play equipment should be installed. This project may include improving the ground surfaces which currently can become very muddy in wet weather. As a first stage Preston City Council, who own the land, have been approached and representatives from the NC have met with them to discuss what is needed and how it might be done within the earmarked budget and possibly any external funding that might be available.



In order to progress matters a design needs to be drawn up in line with the suggestions above. The NC have agreed to fund this to the extent of £3K and following the recent site meeting, previously mentioned, work is to commence shortly on a provisional plan. Once this is available it will be presented to the NC for approval or otherwise before any work commences.

FUNDING TO PRESTON CITY COUNCIL AGREED

The NC have agreed that it will contribute to the maintenance of open space areas within the neighbourhood which are owned by Preston City Council. This does not cover land owned by CGA, PFP, LCC or any other privately owned land. The agreement, which last for 12 months, will commit Preston CC to maintain the open space but only to the level that has previously been undertaken. There are no further improvements to the level of maintenance so you will not see anything different to previous years on PCC owned land. There are many areas of open space within our neighbourhood, many not owned by PCC and it is understood that some of these grassed areas may be cut less than in the past by their legal owners. Regretfully we have no jurisdiction on these areas. It should be noted that grass verges are generally the responsibility of LCC, who have this year, contracted the cutting to PCC. The contract however is not for the same regularity as PCC owned land so you will see some variations in standards.

The Neighbourhood Council have of course appointed a lengthsman, however we cannot simply do work on land owned by other organisations. We do have an agreement to undertake some enhancements to PCC owned land but this does not extend to anywhere else.

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**THE NEXT MEETING OF YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
IS ON
11TH JULY 2018
AT
ST MARAGET'S CHURCH HALL
Starting at 7.00pm**

CHANGES ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

- Mary Carrig has now filled the recent vacancy on the Neighbourhood Council
- Tom Anderson has taken over from Debi Roskell as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Council and Janet Thomson has become Vice Chairman; both appointments are for the next 12 months