

AIR AMBULANCE

The Parish Council often receives requests for donations from voluntary groups and charities and at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting it was proposed that a donation should be made to the North West Air Ambulance.

The Air Ambulance service does not receive funding from central government or the NHS - it is funded by public donations, fundraising, lottery membership and a network of retail outlets.

Between April 2015 and March 2016 they attended 699 incidents in the Lancashire area including road traffic accidents, sporting injuries, medical trauma, hospital transfers, falls and industrial accidents. The cost of providing the service was £7,313,104.

A member of the Air Ambulance team has been invited to attend this year's Annual Parish meeting to provide more information about their work.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Parish Council has provided 2 defibrillator devices located at **The Wheatsheaf Public House** and **Catforth Village Hall**. Both devices are fully registered with the Emergency Services, so if you are involved in an emergency requiring their use, dial 999 and you will be given a code to unlock the box. An operator will talk you through everything you need to do. **Training is not required** to successfully use the device but the Parish Council will be providing a 1 hour session to familiarise people with how defibrillators work so people will feel more comfortable using one should the need arise.

Session details will be advertised at the locations, on the Parish Council notice boards and website, but if you are interested in attending, please email the Clerk.



WOODPLUMPTON PLAY AREA

The Parish Council resolved to spend £27,000 on a new multiuse climbing frame and a trampoline area at The Orchard play area. The works will also include painting of the existing equipment, railings and new flooring. Preston City Council are overseeing the work as they own the land, but following a lengthy delay, the Parish Council is pushing to get the work completed very soon.

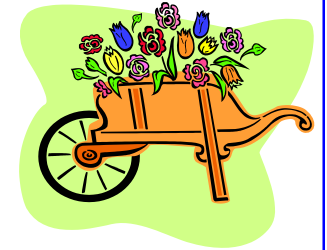
WOODPLUMPTON MEMORIAL

A significant upgrade / refurbishment of the War memorial is about to begin to include new stonework, railings and integral planters.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Council is looking to recruit a new Lengthsman on a self-employed basis for **15hrs a week** for 48 weeks of the year.

The Lengthsman provides a valuable service by improving and enhancing areas in the Parish. This involves a variety of jobs such as mowing, strimming, litter picking and general outdoor maintenance.



The contractor may also be required to carry out inspections and repairs to Public Rights Of Way, issue fixed penalty notices for litter and dog fouling offences and check the defibrillator devices.

Applicants must have experience of practical countryside skills, health and safety procedures, public liability insurance, access to a suitable vehicle and tools and a mobile phone. Applicants should also have good communication skills and basic IT skills along with the ability to work under minimum supervision.

For a full job description, person specification and application form, please contact Mrs Julie Buttle by email wparishclerk@gmail.com

Closing date for applications – Friday 17th March 2017

All jobs must be allocated to the Lengthsman via the Parish Council. **If there are any areas of the Parish that you feel are in need of attention**, please contact the Clerk who will allocate the work accordingly. Please note, work on the highway such as clearing gullies and drains must be referred to Lancashire County Council.

DOG FOULING

Dog mess is probably the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. It is not only deeply unpleasant, it can be dangerous. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and in very rare cases blindness. **Please be a responsible dog owner.**

More information on dog fouling and how to report offenders can be found on the City Council website www.preston.gov.uk/yourservices/environmental-health/dogs/dog-fouling or phone **01772 906907**.

Dog wardens tend to prioritise areas with the most reported problems so **we urge all residents to report incidents on-line**. To try to improve the situation locally, the Parish Council is considering a training course to allow the Parish Lengthsman to issue fixed penalty notices to anyone not clearing up after their dog.

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CATFORTH WARD

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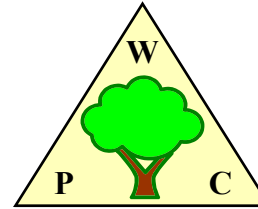
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and give residents an opportunity to comment on planning applications, construction and traffic problems and any other issues of concern in the Parish.

Meetings alternate between **Catforth Primary School**, School Road, Catforth and **Woodplumpton Parish Rooms** at the rear of St Anne's Church. Meetings start at **7.00pm**. The next meeting will be held on **20th March** at Catforth Primary School and the April meeting will be on the **24th April** at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.

The Annual Parish / Annual Parish Council meeting will also be held at Woodplumpton this year on the **15th May at 7.00pm**.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal Council meeting - it is a meeting where residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council, community groups and activities / events in the area. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented.

Local schools, community groups, City and County Councillors are invited and are given the opportunity to update residents on their activities throughout the year. **If you represent a local organisation and wish to provide or present information to residents, please contact the Clerk.**

WOODPLUMPTON & DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

The Parish Council is keen to promote local clubs and events and in this edition we are featuring Woodplumpton and District Tennis Club who meet at Bartle Lane. The tennis courts are about to be cleaned, repaired and painted and tennis coaching is available for juniors and adults. Playing ability is unimportant as most players are new to the game or are returning after a long break. For more details contact Chris on **07762 323223**. Membership includes access to the club house, floodlit tennis courts, an online booking facility and information on the club's social events. See their website at

<http://woodplumptonclub.co.uk>