

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE held on 10th January, 2007 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars,
Preston.**

Present: David Theoff (Chairman)
Oliver Chapman (Secretary)
Mike Fenney
John Greig
Lorna Listbrain
Louise Perryman
Duncan Scott
John Simpson
Pat Simpson
Karen Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Ayling, Alan Coller, Martin Ferber and Jan Rudolph.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13th December, 2006 were adopted as a true record.

Matters arising

All of the matters arising were dealt with by items on the agenda.

Payment of accounts

There were no outstanding accounts.

Action Plan

1. Village Hall refurbishment. JS reported that progress was being made on applications for funding, and that a meeting with the architect would be held soon. The Christmas fair raised over £500.
2. Village Directory. DS reported that the directory was ready for publication and he would send it, together with a front title page to JS for printing.
3. Newsletter. PS reported that the first newsletter was well advanced and submitted what was generally to be considered to be a first class draft. DT reported that he and Karen had met with Danny Salvatori who had offered to publish the newsletter and village directory at no, or minimal cost.
Arising from the discussions it was agreed;
 - a. that the parish council would be asked if copies of site notices for planning applications could be displayed in the village notice board (as a means of keeping villagers informed on planning applications rather than publishing out of date information in the newsletter).
 - b. OC would be meeting with the parish clerk to draft the parish council input to the newsletter.

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- c. DS would interview a long-term village resident for a 'times past' article.
 - d. AC had offered to write an article on the village sign.
 - e. Information on recycling facilities would be included.
 - f. KW would write a recipe.
 - g. PS would contact Diane Coller with a view to an article about the local vicar moving on.
 - h. OC would write an article on neighbourhood watch.
 - i. A sub-committee consisting of LP, JS, PS, and DT would meet to agree the final document prior to printing.
 - j. Deadline for receipt of articles by PS would be 25th January and distribution would be mid February.
 - k. JG would arrange for publication of the newsletter and the village directory on the website.
 - l. The committee would take up the offer of Salvatori's to print the newsletter and village directory with thanks.
4. Speed Watch. Mfenney reported that negotiations with a view to a 40mph speed limit from Wingham to Stourmouth were continuing.
 5. Neighbourhood Watch. OC would include an article in the parish newsletter. A local resident had indicated that they may be willing to be coordinator.
 6. Community Facilities. KW reported that she had met with one village business and had appointments to visit several more, and was hopeful that they would be productive.
 7. Education. Nothing to report.
 8. Tennis Court. Mferber was not at the meeting KW suggested that Mferber might contact Viv Smith who could be very helpful.
 9. Helping Others. JR was not at the meeting.
 10. Keep Village Clean. Nothing to report
 11. Footpaths and bridleways. LLB reported that she is meeting with local landowners with a view to setting up some 'toll rides'. She would also contact KCC with a view to carrying out a general review of rights of way in the parish.
 12. Minibus. No progress.

Village Design Statement

DT reported that a response to our letter of 8th December, 2006 was awaited and a decision on whether or not to proceed could not be made until the views of the Council had been obtained.

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Young Persons

DS reported that he had reviewed the young persons questionnaire returns. The main issues appeared to be the lack of somewhere for youngsters to meet and lack of sports facilities. Mfenney suggested that the former issue tended to be 'cyclical' and that, currently, there seemed to be little problem. However, JS would consider the feasibility of incorporating something suitable within the village hall redevelopment. PS would raise the possibility of sports coaching with Penny Day at the school to see if it could be linked with school activities.

Any Other Business

DT reported that Preston Parish Plan had featured recently in a very complimentary article in 'Oast to Coast', and gave members copies for information.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 7th February, 2007.