

Minutes of Preston Parish Plan Steering Committee held 10th September, 2008 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars

Present: R. Ayling (Chair)
Ollie Chapman
Lorna Listbrain
Alan Coller
John Simpson
Patricia Simpson (Acting Secretary)
Duncan Scott

1. Apologies for absence were received from: David Theoff, Karen Wright, Louise Perryman, Martin Ferber.

2. Payment of Accounts

Alan Coller reported there was £2436 in the current account. He was due to contact Frank Pinnington, Parish Clerk, to request the payment of £500 which sum had been authorised by the Parish Council towards the cost of printing the Village Design Statement, which has now been printed and is awaiting distribution.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13th August 2008 were adopted as a true record

4. Payment of accounts

No matters raised.

5. Young Persons Action Plan

Pat Simpson reported that three meetings of the Youth Forum had now taken place, but the last meeting due on 28th August had been cancelled because Yvonne Holder, DDC Youth Strategy Officer had been unable to attend. PS will contact Katy Parker Brown PCSO, to arrange the next meeting with the young people, when it is proposed to recruit the youngsters to assist with clearing and tidying the south boundary of the playing field, and to identify a site for the proposed Youth Shelter.

6. Reports on Action Plan Progress

Village Hall Refurbishment

John Simpson reported he had been in contact with two architects inviting them to submit concept plans for a new hall, the details for their submissions was still being negotiated.

Newsletter: P & J Simpson were currently working on the next newsletter with contributions promised from Parish Council, Parish Plan Steering Committee (now Village Society), Neighbourhood Watch, PCSO Report, Youth Forum and others. Publication is due in the last week of September.

Speed Watch

Ollie Chapman reported that as part of the PACT agreement with the Police, Katie Parker Brown, PCSO, had already conducted some traffic monitoring, and was continuing to check traffic speeds at different times throughout the week. It would appear from results so far that there is little transgression of the speed limit.

Neighbourhood Watch

No report.

Community Facilities

No report.

Keep Village Clean

Alan Collier will arrange a clean-up day after the next meeting of the Youth Forum after discussion with the young people requesting their assistance.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Lorna Listbrain reported that she was still in negotiation with some local landowners in relation to a local TROTS scheme, but was hopeful for a satisfactory outcome. Ollie Chapman reported that the map to be provided by Dover District Council of local footpaths was expected to be installed very soon. There was some discussion about the production of A4 size maps being available to locals and walkers possibly in the shop or at the churches, and it was suggested that individual walks could be written up in the Newsletter as features.

7. Village Design Statement

Roger Ayling congratulated the whole team on the excellent work culminating in the production of the Village Design Statement which has just been printed and is awaiting distribution. OC reported that he had recently attended a meeting, together with Duncan Scott and groups from three other villages, with Mike Epps and Clive Alexander, Senior Planning Officers at DDC, to resolve the adoption of the VDS by DDC as a significant document in planning matters within the parish. Ollie felt that agreement was imminent and a form of words was being sought to satisfy both parties.

8. Village of the Year Competition

Roger Ayling and Ollie Chapman had attended the Village of the Year presentation and the village had been awarded a Very Highly Commended certificate in the Communications category.

9. Village Society

RA reported that in discussion with David Theoff they had decided to delay a launch of the society to enable individuals to talk to the various societies and a date will be booked for a launch at the appropriate time.

10. Any Other Business

It was suggested that the format of the agenda should be revised and to call ourselves Village Society

Date of Next Meeting: 8th October 2008 in the Pub.