

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Preston Parish Plan Steering Committee Held  
On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 At The Half Moon And Seven Stars, Preston.**

**Present:** David Theoff (Chairman)  
Roger Ayling (Vice Chairman)  
Alan Coller (Treasurer)  
Louise Perryman (Secretary)  
Roger Burville  
Oliver Chapman  
Lorna Listbrain  
Duncan Scott  
John Simpson  
Pat Simpson

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Martin Ferber, Karen Wright, John Greig and Jan Rudolph

**2. Helping Others review**

DT introduced guests Alex Krutnik and Tessa Woodward. Tessa explained the background to Alex's and the CHBVC involvement.

Alex explained the role of the Canterbury and Herne Bay Volunteer Centre and confirmed their readiness to help this parish although it was just outside their boundaries. In cases where there were existing services within Dover DC they would liaise with the appropriate body and check that it was OK for them to proceed.

The main areas of help were confirmed as being the Transport scheme, a garden & home maintenance service and the vulnerable volunteer support agency. In response to our imminent change to a Village society he also mentioned a new organisation CADVAS which helps with setting up charities, and CASE Kent.

After some discussion it was generally agreed that the best way of using Alex's offer of help would be incorporate it into an Open Day/evening later in the year to promote the new Village Society. Alex agreed to be on hand to explain to villagers I about volunteering and the services available to those requiring them.

With regard to motivating younger people, he suggested getting a group of young people together to do a project themselves and offered to attend to help go through what volunteering is about.

The meeting thanked Tessa and Alex for their assistance and they left.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were adopted as a true record.

**3. Matters arising**

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

**4. Payment of accounts**

AC reported that a payment of £18.68 was made to CCC for production of village society letters. He reported the current balance as £1,476.06

**5. Young Persons Action Plan**

PS reported that she had followed up with Yvonne Holder who had attended an incident with Katy Parker Brown. She has expertise in working with young people,

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and offered to help us with a meeting involving young people of the village. Accordingly a meeting has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Village hall - full report next meeting.

PS also mentioned that the young people can apply for their own funding via the Youth Opportunity Grant - up to £1000. Also if anyone was prepared to set up a youth club group 6 months assistance was available from a 'detached officer'.

**6. Reports on Action Plan progress**

***The Village Hall Refurbishment***

JS reported that he was still awaiting feedback from Mr Ridings.

He reported that the Cricket club is looking for donations to buy a new ball for each match – total £180 (now a requirement). It was agreed that the PPPSC would donate £50 towards this. PS and JS suggested a new project to help the Cricket Club get funding via the various societies and Mr Ridings. They also mentioned Una Mills who administers the Bridging the Gap fund and will help with applications. PS had also spoken with Sara Philpot, the Sports Development officer.

***Newsletter***

PS and JS confirmed that it is nearly ready to go to print and they will send the copy to LP for final review at the week-end.

***Speed watch***

OC reported still awaiting responses from KCC. Hoping that the PACT system will highlight the need for speeding control. Also requested more monitoring - awaiting reply.

***Neighbourhood Watch***

JS reported a very good response in Elmstone.

New co-ordinators are still needed for Preston. Katy P-B will help. DT reported he had written to Chief Superintendent Matthew Nicks enquiring why the village does not have a PC assigned. The response so far received did not answer the question.

***Community Facilities***

Nothing to report

***Keep the village clean***

Nothing to report

***Footpaths and bridleways***

OC reported he had chased up via Frank Pinnington on an outstanding review of the footpath network to see whether more bridleways were needed.

Still no sign of the display maps showing these paths ordered for the Village. OC chasing KCC Rights of Way people.

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**6. The Village Design Statement**

RA thanked LP and DS for their hard work on compiling the final illustrated version of the VDS. The sub-committee members had reviewed the response from Mike Ebbs to the VDS submission, implying that it is not a material consideration, whereas the other councils in Kent did accept and welcome direct input. The team is working on a response. DS suggested a meeting with the three Ward councillors following taking further advice.

DS reported he had two quotations for printing and was awaiting a third.

**8. Village of the Year competition**

Nothing new to report. Waiting to hear next stage.

**9. Village Society**

As agreed this will be discussed at a special meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Church View house or Elmstone Court if weather not good.

DT and RA agreed a 'stall' would be organised at the Steam Rally and hoped all could help out for an hour or so. DT would suggest a rota.

**AOB**

RA mentioned that St Nicolas at Wade had suffered not having a VDS because of Planet Thanet – they had been given to believe there would be no impact but there will be – particularly light pollution.

OC announced that the Parish council had agreed to £200 funding for the neighbourhood watch activities - printing, cartridges etc to convey the necessary information to village residents.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars.