

## Minutes of Preston and Elmstone Village Society meeting held

11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Half Moon & Seven Stars

### Present:

David Theoff (Chairman)  
Roger Ayling  
Louise Perryman (Secretary)  
Lorna Listbrain  
Patricia Simpson  
John Simpson  
Pip Hazelton  
Jan Rudolph  
Karen Wright

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ollie Chapman, Alan Collier (Treasurer) and Duncan Scott

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were adopted as a true record

### 3. Matters arising

It was agreed that matters arising would be dealt with by items on the agenda.

### 4. Payment of accounts

Treasurer not present. PS reported that they had purchased 300 cans of coke and 7UP on a special offer ready for forthcoming fundraising events and would be submitting a claim for £98.90

### 5. Village Society Events

**Goosebumps Event** DT reported that all the Preston retail outlets and Wingham Post office had agreed to take posters and tickets. KW reported she had several good raffle prizes promised (ferry/champagne/massage) RA offered to add a digital camera as a prize. **Actions:** LP to get 8 A4 posters (for inside) to DT asap, and 5 A3 poster by early April. RA to design and print approx 200 tickets and hand to DT for dissemination PH getting the A3 posters laminated. KW Ordering sample bottles from the cheaper quotation for wine tasting. DT talking with DS as not present, to discuss best options for wine supply given we have two offers to organise this. PS will inform Beryl Reid about the event so that it gets into the local press

**Plant sale.** PS reported that a large number of petunia plugs had been delivered with more to come. Date of sale not yet fixed

**School fete.** Ian Turner, chairman of the FOPS had agreed to talk to the committee about holding an Art Exhibition in the Village hall on the day of the fete

**Steam Rally** LL reported that arrangements had been made for a village society presence at the rally on the far side of the site. **Actions: RA and PH** offered to find out about the options for tea urns. **AC** would look at options for a Water bowser. **LL** was checking water supply and how many taps near to the chosen location. **DT** would confirm quote on Generator and look into any insurance implications.

**Concert at Forstal House** DT said this was confirmed by DS for 19<sup>th</sup> July. Pimms and cucumber sandwiches were suggested as an additional idea for refreshments to make profits (KW has glasses and a pitcher)

**Dance at Preston Court barn.** The date was provisionally fixed as 12<sup>th</sup> September. **Actions: DT** to confirm with Andy Sim and Gearbox. **LL** to confirm the date next month. **OC** to be asked to investigate Hog roast options. **ALL** to think about other food options

### **Village society other items**

All these events prompted the idea mooted earlier, of getting a Village logo that would aid advertising etc. as we go through many campaigns to raise funds. Need to think about a theme and then contact a suitable designer.

Those involved confirmed that the presentation to the WI went very well. JS confirmed he would be the one to FOPS.

DT confirmed that the Parish Council AGM was on Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Sally Coleman and Trevor Skelton would be attending.

## **6. Young Persons Action Plan**

JS and PS said that there would be a Youth forum meeting with the DDC and the Ash/little Stour Youth Action Group to discuss obtaining funding of £45,000 from a trust fund to finance a 3 year project to run youth clubs etc.

Football shelter. Wingham timber have quoted an acceptable price and extra funding is being sought from ACRK to enable this project to be implemented

## **7. Reports on Action Plan Progress**

### **Village Hall refurbishment**

JS said that the meeting held to select a design for the new village hall had come to a unanimous decision. The task now was to raise approx. £7000 including £2000 charges to get the designs to the planning stage.

### **Newsletter**

PS said she had enough articles once those awaited from LL and JR had been finalised. DT explained that a new printer had been selected as the previous one had sadly gone out of business.

## **Speedwatch**

Agreement has been obtained from KCC Highways to supply a speed gun and yellow jacket. We just need to agree the date when we have a list of volunteers. All were prepared to assist.

Costs for gates and traffic calming 'islands' had been supplied

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

DT stated that Sally Coleman, the NHW liaison officer, would attend the PPP AGM. Also the Parish council had agreed to pay £90 for 6 signs.

## **Keep Village Clean**

AC had arranged another big tidy up for 28<sup>th</sup> March and also work on stump removal.

## **Footpaths and bridleways**

LL reported that she had been trying to make progress on this item but was not making much progress. **Action DT** to approach the District Council

## **AOB**

JR reported that Stuart Bligh, the head of Archives at KCC was keen to help with our history society and would give advice regarding funding (and the new Village hall). He recommended visiting Smarden.

It was agreed that we will not compete in the Village of the Year competition this year.

A document on Sports funding had been circulated. We would need to consider options for applying for funding. **Action. All** to read if time permits before next meeting

KW suggested other possible events to consider for future fund raising efforts might include a murder mystery evening, a fashion show and a charity dinner

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Date of next meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009