

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Preston Parish Plan Steering Committee Held  
On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 At The Half Moon And Seven Stars, Preston.**

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

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

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were adopted as a true record. DT made a correction regarding section 4 on Payment of Accounts. He said that the £250 he had referred to in the last meeting was in fact assigned for expenditure on the VDS, not the youth shelter.

**3. Matters arising**

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

**4. Payment of accounts**

AC stated that there was currently £1,520 in the PPPSC account. He requested that everyone submit their outstanding bills for expenses incurred on the VDS Open Day.

**5. Young Persons' Action Plan**

AC confirmed that he would attend the youth forum on the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

AC also submitted to the PPSC his outline designs for youth shelters (approx 2x3 metres). He agreed to look at materials costs for the next meeting.

JS suggested incorporating a wall into the designs – for kids to use to kick footballs.

It was agreed that a decision on how to approach the young people to get their views would be left until after the youth forum on the 13<sup>th</sup>, which should be able to provide guidance.

**6. Reports on Action Plan progress**

***The Village Hall Refurbishment***

JS reported that that the pre-school is installing CCTV to monitor its external area around the village hall. He also reported that he has a contact and will work with the Strategic Capital Dept. to see how the Village hall can fit its plans in with the school's development plans, given that some of the target land belongs to KCC.

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***Newsletter***

PS circulated a draft of the Newsletter and was awaiting the last two items before it could go for publication. The Parish Council confirmed they would support publication costs this quarter if necessary.

***Speed watch***

OC reported that he now had met with Terry Elvie of KCC. He will be considering funding with regard to supply of solutions such as pinch point or a gated entrance to the village to slow down traffic.

***Neighbourhood Watch***

DT has still been trying to talk with Sally Coleman and also PC Mick Wright but has had no response. Until this contact is made the project cannot easily go forward as the co-ordinators have no official identification to enable them to call on others. DS suggested writing to Mr. Fuller the Chief Constable of Kent about it.

***Community Facilities***

Nothing to report

***Education***

Nothing to report

***Tennis Courts***

Nothing to report.

***Helping Others***

Booklets were issued to all households. DT announced that Alex Krutnik and Tessa Woodward would attend the June meeting of the PPPSC to discuss next steps.

***Keep the village clean***

Several commented that there seems to be an improvement . All agreed to follow the policy of encouraging people to pick up litter as they see it.

***Footpaths and bridleways***

LL reported that her contact in the TROT scheme is no longer involved. She agreed to make another attempt to move things forward from their current deadlock.

**7. The Village Design Statement**

RA reported that the Open Day was better attended than expected, and some useful points were raised for inclusion in the VDS.

A meeting with Mike Ebbs and Clive Alexander took place at DDC. They were sent a draft of the VDS prior to the meeting. DS reported that C Alexander made some notes and suggestions that were useful and relevant.

Regarding the visual part of the VDS, still to be done, he said that Trevor Bartlett of the DDC underlined the importance of photographing the houses in the context of the space around them.

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DS reported that the VDS sub-committee is currently amending the document and collecting maps and photos. It will split the content to put the detail into an Appendix for production in black and white. It will then be edited into a main colour section for 'general release' with the Appendix to be used by the few that need the detail, mainly government bodies. The target is to go to print in June. OC suggested that the DDC might contribute to the cost of printing - adoption of the VDS will be sought via Clive Alexander. OC also requested someone to give a brief talk about the VDS at the PPC AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**8. Village of the Year competition**

DT confirmed that he will enter the village for the communications section of this competition

**9. Village Society**

DT had circulated a draft constitution prior to the meeting. There was some discussion about whether there should be a subscription charge – DT pointed out that all of the references he had found to village societies did make a small charge.

It was agreed that the PPPSC should produce a flier to go out with the PPC AGM letter – proposing the village society. Issues regarding the mechanics of transferring from PPPSC to Village Society required further discussion at the next meeting.

**Next meeting**

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