

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING  
COMMITTEE held on 13th December, 2006 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars,  
Preston.**

**Present:** David Theoff (Chairman)  
Roger Ayling (Vice – Chairman)  
Oliver Chapman (Secretary)  
Alan Coller  
Mike Fenney  
Martin Ferber  
Lorna Listbrain  
Louise Perryman  
Jan Rudolph  
John Simpson  
Pat Simpson

**Apologies for absence** were received from John Greig, Duncan Scott and Karen Wright.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 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**

AC reported that there were no outstanding accounts for payment. A cheque had been received from Action with Communities in Rural Kent in the sum of £315.84, being the balance of the grant. As a result the current bank balance stood at £1332.29

**Action Plan**

1. Village Hall refurbishment. JS reported that visits had been made to several new parish halls and much information obtained. Recent fundraising events had raised in excess of £1000.00.
2. Village Directory. JS reported that a meeting of the sub-committee had recently been held to update the information in the directory. All was on target to distribute with the first newsletter.
3. Newsletter. PS reported that the first newsletter was well advanced and would, hopefully, include articles regarding 'what's on', plant exchange, forthcoming elections, village memories, neighbourhood watch, and parish plan. Technical input was requested from LP, and committee members were asked for other general ideas.

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4. Speed Watch. Mfenney reported that he had been to a recent police liaison meeting when it had been suggested that parishes contribute to a full-time officer to do speed checks in villages. The parish council would be contacted about this in due course.
5. Neighbourhood Watch. OC would include an article in the parish newsletter. It was suggested that the community officer might be invited to a future meeting of the committee (or possibly arrange a 'crime prevention' evening in the village hall).
6. Community Facilities. KW was not at the meeting to report.
7. Education. JS reported that this was ongoing and closely linked to the village hall proposals.
8. Tennis Court. Mferber reported that he was still looking into this.
9. Helping Others. JR reported that she had had a meeting with an interested parishioner when several ideas had been discussed, and these were being developed.
10. Keep Village Clean. AC reported that he had met with an interested parishioner and would, hopefully, be organising village clean ups (particularly the recreation ground). OC reported that the parish council had recently discussed the litter at the recreation ground and had offered to provide a skip for the rubbish.
11. Footpaths and bridleways. LLB reported that she had held discussions with local landowners with a view to establishing a network of 'toll rides' for horse riders. She would also contact KCC with a view to reviewing rights of way in the parish.
12. No progress.

### **Village Design Statement**

DT reported that a very useful meeting had been held with DDC, which had been followed up with a comprehensive letter setting out our views, which he would circulate to all members. Currently, a response was awaited and a decision on whether or not to proceed could not be made until it had been received.

### **Young Persons**

DS reported that the action plan did not propose any action for young persons in the village. He would review the young persons questionnaires and make some recommendations at the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

LP reminded members that the website could very easily be updated to include any forthcoming events. Any input contact LP or JG.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.