

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE held on 13th July, 2005 at “Church View”, Elmstone

Present: David Theoff (Chairman)
Oliver Chapman (Acting Secretary)
Martin Ferber
Lorna Listbrain
Alan Coller
Roger Ayling
Jan Rudolph
Mike Fenney
Penny Burville

Apologies for absence – all members of the Committee were present.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 15th June, 2005 were adopted as a true record.

Matters arising

DT reported that the introductory letters had been circulated to all households in the Parish, and OC had drafted the letter to local organisations which would be sent shortly.

Membership

DT reported that he had been approached by an interested resident at the Steam Rally and would make further contact with them.

Payment of accounts

AC reported that he had received an invoice of £19.04 from Canterbury City Council for printing (the introductory letter) and for reimbursement of £6.50 for John Greig for the costs of the paper required for producing the leaflet for the steam rally. Payment of these accounts was agreed.

Steam Rally

DT reported that the stand at the steam rally had been a worthwhile exercise with many “locals” visiting the stand.

Questionnaire

DT reported that the sub-committee had met again to discuss the content of the questionnaire and he circulated a second draft of the questionnaire for comment by members.

Mike F reported that the village hall committee had decided that they should consult parishioners on issues of use of the hall but, upon reflection, had decided that the exercise would be better carried out as part of the function of the parish plan. It was agreed to consult with the village hall committee (and the school) to encompass their needs within the questionnaire.

DT sought the committees approval to the suggestion to circulate the questionnaire in early September when the school holidays were over, and that was agreed.

DT also circulated a questionnaire targeted towards younger parishioners for the committee to consider.

Consultations.

DT suggested that an “open day” in the village hall in early September should be held with publicity in the form of signs around the village (similar to that used for the steam rally), and suggested that it could be combined with an exhibition of the parish councils’ photographic archive. OC suggested that Mike F and he (Chairman and Vice- Chairman respectively of the Parish Council) could approve of the use of the archive on behalf of the Parish Council.

The committee thought that an excellent idea and it was decided that

- 1) OC would contact the village hall bookings secretary and book the village hall on a Saturday early in September (preferably the 10th).
- 2) DT would contact Victoria Lawson to see if she might be available to come to the open day.
- 3) RA would make the arrangements for the photographic archive to be on display. (RA would have the equipment to copy any photos brought to the exhibition on the day).
- 4) DT and RA would liaise and design posters for the event for display around the village.

Publicity

OC would contact Beryl Reed to arrange an update in the Kentish Gazette.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th August, 2005 at Longbrook, Elmstone (if the weather is fine).