

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE held on 14th June, 2006 at The Half Moon and Seven Stars, Preston.**

Present: David Theoff (Chairman)
Roger Ayling (Vice - Chairman)
Oliver Chapman (Secretary)
Alan Coller
Mike Fenney
John Greig
Karen Wright
Louise Perryman
John Simpson
Pat Simpson

Apologies for absence – received from Martin Ferber, Lorna Listbrain, Jan Rudolph and Duncan Scott

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 3rd May, 2006 were adopted as a true record.

Matters arising

DT updated members of progress with the village hall committee. RA, JS and AC had been elected as full committee members at the AGM and at a subsequent meeting of the committee it had been agreed that this committee should be recognised as a 'village organisation' eligible to send a representative. Duncan Scott had been nominated as that representative. Moreover, the VH Committee had appointed a sub-committee with membership of RA, JS, AC and DS dedicated to deal with all issues relating to redevelopment. DT stated that he would contact Jenny Bradbury of ACRK to update her and introduce JS as the future contact.

Payment of accounts

AC reported that there were no outstanding accounts. The bank balance stood at £1190 and there remained £315 to claim from the grant offered by Action for Communities in Rural Kent (this would be claimed by DT). The village hall had submitted their invoice for the 3 daytime Parish Plan rentals in the sum of £98.50 and that account had been settled.

Plan sub-committee

DT reported that the Plan sub-committee had met twice and, by virtue of editorial input from LP the text for the document was nearing completion. DS was producing sketches which would be ready by end of June, and RA had been asked to take some more photographs. DT was making inquiries of local printers for estimates of printing costs and it was anticipated that the plan would be printed in July.

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It was agreed that as soon as the text was nearing final form LP would circulate it to all members for final comment and to Richard Barton for proof reading. DT would also send to draft to Victoria Lawson.

It was also agreed that the finished document would be distributed to all households in the parish by committee members as before.

Action Plan

DT reported that an action plan had been drafted as part of the written Plan document and consideration needs to be given to how the issues on the action plan would be addressed. After some discussion it was suggested that a covering letter should accompany the finished Parish Plan document when it is distributed to all households, asking for volunteers to assist with implementation of the various items for action. It was agreed that further consideration of the issue would be deferred until next meeting.

Future Structure of the PP Steering Committee.

There was extensive debate on the future of the Steering Committee. It was agreed that the Steering Committee would continue for the foreseeable future to monitor the progress and implementation of the Action Plan. The possibility of the existing steering committee becoming the basis of a future 'Village Society' was also discussed. It was generally agreed that immediate change was not necessary or desirable and the Steering Committee would continue in its present form. It was also agreed that any major change would be the subject of a special meeting to discuss and resolve that subject alone.

Village Design Statement

DT reported that he had had a reply from Dover District Council suggesting that a VDS should become 'material consideration' in the planning process to simplify its preparation. The committee were keen to do a VDS and it was agreed that DT and OC would compile a response to DDC to clarify that they will assist on a 'material consideration' basis.

Any Other Business

There was none.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 5th July, 2006 at Church View, Elmstone (subject to the weather).