

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Preston Parish Plan Steering Committee Held  
On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 At The Half Moon And Seven Stars, Preston.**

**Present:** David Theoff (Chairman)  
Louise Perryman (Secretary)  
Oliver Chapman  
Duncan Scott  
John Simpson  
Pat Simpson  
Roger Ayling  
Karen Wright

A warm welcome was also extended to Roger Burville, Ian Boyle and Kris Saxby, who were attending as guests and prospective new members of the Village Society Committee

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Martin Ferber, Lorna Listbrain, John Greig and Alan Coller.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were adopted as a true record.

**3. Matters arising**

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

**4. Payment of accounts**

Nothing new to report. Treasurer not present.

**5. Reports on Action Plan progress**

***The Village Hall Refurbishment***

JS reported that he met with Leyland Ridings and had a good meeting regarding funding. He is now awaiting his response to the information presented.

Fundraising activities are not yet confirmed and a firm date is still being sought for the 'Ageing rockers' night.

***Newsletter***

PS and JS asked that all contributions be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> May. DS confirmed that Liz would write a piece about Wingham Tennis Club and he would do one on the Wantsum Channel. DT commented that a number of events that appear in the Parish magazine are not in the newsletter and we must take action to change this. It was agreed that the Steam rally needs another mention. Ned Bradley and Tom Dilnot have agreed to do a joint article.

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***Speed watch***

OC reported the PPC had requested gateway signs and if possible temporary calming methods. Also requested more monitoring - awaiting reply.

PACT - DT reminded us that Preston can request a PACT surgery and if speeding is raised there as an issue the police are obliged to act upon it. The Parish Council is registering its desire to part of PACT. Our PCSO is Katy Parker Brown but there is no PC assigned to the village at present.

***Neighbourhood Watch***

Neighbourhood Policing is now headed up by Chief Superintendent Matthew Nicks. Sally Coleman Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for this area, is now working with the PPPSC and along with Katy providing support and information on what the NH Watch does.

DT said that now Elmstone is organised we need to find co-ordinators for Preston. Each house will receive a leaflet shortly. (A co-ordinator looks after about 30 houses). DS said he may be able to take on such a role once the VDS is completed and issued. He also offered to approach D. Cornet.

***Community Facilities***

Mike Conolly (new District Councillor) had offered to help in any way he could. KW had also written to Glen Oadby to see whether Lexus could offer any sponsorship

***Helping Others***

Nothing new to report – awaiting June meeting when representatives will attend.

***Keep the village clean***

A further clean up session had been requested at the PPPC AGM.

***Footpaths and bridleways***

KW reported that Trevor Bradley is still working on TROT and being very supportive

**6. The Village Design Statement**

RA read a report on the VDS progress and paid tribute to DS for his hard work.

DS reported that the Maps are not yet complete. Once the document is complete we will press for adoption, requesting that Trevor Bartlett and Sue Chandler be present at the meeting.

DS also reported that he is preparing various grant applications for printing funds, including the Chairman's fund, the DDS and ARC. He would ask PPC to be prepared to find £500 in the event that the full amount could not be raised.

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LP reported that the document editing and compilation process was half way there and should be completed in about two weeks' time.

**7. Young Persons' Action Plan**

DT mentioned the concern of the Short Mat Bowls group regarding the siting of a shelter near the car park.

DS suggested having a young persons section, maybe a half page, in the Newsletter.

There was considerable discussion about the youth centre, but the group did not feel suitable qualified to go ahead with a decision. PS undertook to try to meet with Yvonne Holder who works in this area, to gain as much information as possible to enable the group to make the best decision regarding the next move.

**8. Village of the Year competition**

Regarding the communications section of this competition (Newsletter), DT reported that we have been visited by the judges.

Regarding the Co-operative bank Award for Newsletter of the Year, we did not win an Award.

**9. Village Society**

DT reported that the PC AGM gave this committee the authority to reconstitute the PPPSC into a Village Society. He suggested a separate meeting to consider how it would work, when it would be introduced etc. The first Wednesday in July was fixed as the date for this meeting.

**AOB**

Steam rally (LL) suggested that we talk to the press about the forthcoming event. All to make best endeavours to publicise it. RA also suggested a stand to promote the new Village society and to fund raise. It was agreed that DT would discuss this with RA

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars.