

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING  
COMMITTEE held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars, Preston.**

**Present:** David Theoff (Chairman)  
Roger Ayling (Vice-Chairman)  
Oliver Chapman  
Alan Coller  
Mike Fenney  
John Greig  
Lorna Listbrain  
Louise Perryman  
Duncan Scott  
John Simpson  
Pat Simpson

(Although David Theoff was present at the meeting, Roger Ayling chaired the meeting).

**Apologies for absence** were received from Martin Ferber and Karen Wright.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were adopted as a true record.

**Matters arising**

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

**Payment of accounts**

There were no outstanding accounts. AC circulated copies of a balance sheet, which he had submitted to ACRK to fulfil a grant requirement.

**Reports on Action Plan progress.**

**Newsletter**

PS reported on progress with the next edition of the newsletter and asked for all contributions by the end of April. JG commented on the print quality of the last newsletter and suggested that a 'pool' of businesses in the village might like to sponsor future editions in return for some recognition of the sponsorship. It was agreed that DT and JS would talk to Danny Salvatori (who had agreed to print the first years' newsletters) with a view to suggesting that the committee undertakes the printing of the newsletter directly, with the costs being covered by sponsorship.

JG reported that there were problems with publishing the newsletter was hampered by some submissions being in different electronic formats and asked the committee

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to fund the purchase of 'publisher' (at a max. cost of £110) to improve the publication of future newsletters.

**The Village Hall Refurbishment –**

JS reported on his current investigations regarding possible sources of funding for the village hall project.

**The Village Directory**

Has been completed and will be periodically updated.

**Speed Watch**

M Fenney reported on an initiative for several villages to club together to provide a 'roving warden' to take a speed check around the villages funding the initiative. He would also chase up proposals for 40mph speed limits.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

OC would prepare an article for the next newsletter. AC reported that he had attended a meeting in Ash on initiatives to tackle rural crime.

**Community Facilities**

KW had arranged meetings but these were subsequently cancelled. Further meetings would be arranged.

**Education**

JG reported that a company were offering to visit villages to provide training on using computers and accessing the internet. It was suggested that vfast might like to sponsor the costs and JG agreed to approach them to see if it was viable to set up.

**Tennis Courts**

M Ferber absent.

**Helping Others**

DT reported that he would be holding a meeting shortly with Tessa Woodward who had ideas and suggestions for setting up a scheme. DT, OC, LP, and JR would meet to discuss way forward.

**Keep Village Clean**

AC reported that a village clean-up day had been held which had resulted in a large amount of rubbish being collected and disposed of.

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**Footpaths and Bridleways**

LLB had been working on a 'TROT' scheme to provide a network of rides in the area and was hoping that it would be in operation shortly.

**Community Mini Bus**

No progress at the current time.

**Village Design Statement.**

OC reported that the sub-committee had written further to DDC but had, to date, received no response.

**Broadband**

JS referred to the existence of just one broadband provider operating in the village and suggested that BT might be lobbied to provide a 'landline' service. JG reported that he was currently investigating options and would report back.

**Any Other Business.**

DT reported that he had entered the Village of the Year completion (community category) on behalf of the committee.

OC reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall.

**Next meeting.**

The next meeting of the committee would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.