

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE held on 2nd August, 2006 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars, Preston.

Present: David Theoff (Chairman)
Roger Ayling (Vice - Chairman)
Oliver Chapman (Secretary)
Alan Coller
Lorna Listbrain
Karen Wright
Louise Perryman
Jan Rudolph
Duncan Scott
John Simpson
Pat Simpson

Apologies for absence – received from John Greig and Martin Ferber

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 14th June, 2006 were amended by the inclusion of Duncan Scott as being present at the meeting, and adopted as a true record.

Fundraising

DT updated members on the printing of the Plan document, which would be printed at no charge to the committee.

Payment of accounts

AC reported that there were no outstanding accounts for payment.

Arrangements for distribution of the plan

DT reported that a 'printers proof' of the Plan had been approved and that the completed documents should be received by the end of next week. He reminded members that the intention was to coincide the delivery of the plan in a joint ceremony with the Parish Council for completion of the village sign project. The committee suggested Friday 11th August for the ceremony and OC would liaise with the parish clerk to make the arrangements. AC (who is contractor for erecting the sign) could fit in with that timescale.

DT distributed a draft letter to introduce the plan to residents and undertook to get it printed, together with a response slip, and obtain envelopes and labels. PS undertook to put items in the envelopes and deliver them to the usual members for distribution. Members would then delegate delivery if necessary, but would aim to complete delivery by Friday 18th August.

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Action Plan

It was decided that the Directory sub-committee would be asked to meet to complete the village directory for submission to the parish council. Further thought about following up the action plan would be deferred to the next meeting.

Village Design Statement

OC felt that the committee should make a decision on whether to pursue a VDS since there was a strong mandate from the populace and the parish council had asked the committee to do it. OC expressed the view that it should be done even if it received the status of 'material consideration' in the planning process. DT was concerned that it was a lot of work to undertake if the final product 'had no teeth'. After some discussion DS undertook to clarify the position with Dover District Council to see whether we could undertake a sustainability appraisal to enable a VDS to become part of the new LDF, and would report back to the next meeting. The committee was, generally, in favour of producing a VDS.

Future role of the Steering Committee

It was decided to defer consideration of the future of the steering committee until the next meeting.

Any Other Business

DT asked the committee to give special thanks to Louise for her work in editing the final document and gave her a gift on behalf of the committee. Similarly, John Greig, Roger Ayling and Duncan Scott were thanked for their work and special skills.

In return the committee acknowledged the efforts and achievements of the committee under the valued leadership of the chairman.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6th September, 2006.