

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE held on 5th July, 2006 at Church View, Elmstone.**

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

Apologies for absence – received from Alan Coller and Mike Fenney

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 14th June, 2006 were adopted as a true record.

Matters arising

JS updated members of progress with the village hall committee and of recent meetings. JS had met Jenny Bradbury of ACRK and had had discussions about bringing a post office to the village hall.

Plan sub-committee

DT reported on a recent meeting of the Plan sub-committee. The publication programme was running slightly late and it was now hoped that publication would take place in August. Drafts had been circulated to Victoria Lawson and Richard Barton and their comments had been incorporated. LP reported on progress with putting together the final document and was awaiting some sketches from DS (which he promised by the next evening) and some photographs from RA.

Martin Ferber brought some ariel photographs, principally of Preston, to the meeting which had been commissioned by Tim Offord and who had offered their use in the final document. It was felt that selected shots could be used inside the front and rear covers.

DT reported that one of the causes of the delay was in obtaining quotes for publication and that the costs were higher than anticipated. MF (Ferber) reported that he had made enquiries at Pfizer and was hopeful that they would publish the document at minimal cost. He should know within a few days.

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Action Plan

It was decided to wait until the plan had been published and distributed before setting up structures for following up the issues in the action plan

Village Design Statement

DT reported that in order for a VDS to become mandatory upon the local planning authority it would first be necessary to undertake a 'sustainability appraisal' and that the costs of that could be substantial. Otherwise a VDS could only be a 'material consideration' and he questioned whether it would be worth the substantial input required. DS indicated that he felt that an appraisal could be carried out by professionals within the community, possibly at no or minimal cost. He also indicated that a VDS at 'material consideration' level would be difficult for the planning authority to ignore and it would raise the profile of the issues in the parish and, once done, would be a document that could be used well into the future. It was agreed that the parish plan would refer to the issue of a VDS being still considered. Further thought would be given to the subject at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

There was none.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 2nd August, 2006.