

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE held on 6th September, 2006 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars, Preston.

Present: David Theoff (Chairman)
Roger Ayling (Vice - Chairman)
Oliver Chapman (Secretary)
Alan Coller
Mike Fenney
Karen Wright
Duncan Scott

Victoria Lawson from Action with Communities in Rural Kent also attended.

Apologies for absence – received from John Greig, Martin Ferber, Louise Perryman, Jan Rudolph, John Simpson and Pat Simpson.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 2nd August, 2006 were adopted as a true record.

Payment of accounts

OC reported that he had incurred some postage costs from distributing the Plan documents and had given receipts to AC. DT also has some costs to recover relating to the purchase of envelopes and other stationary etc and would submit accounts to AC.

Action Plan

After some discussion it was agreed that DT would contact all committee members with some suggestions for sub-committees to follow up the action plan, so that members could give some thought to membership of them and suggest volunteers who might be interested in getting involved in various issues.

Future role of the Steering Committee

OC suggested that the steering committee might evolve into a village society but that the time to consider that and present the idea to the village would be at the time of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the issue until the new year.

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Village Design Statement

DS reported on discussions he had had with Dover District Council and the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding doing our own Sustainability Appraisal and was hopeful that we would be able to do so. He had further contacts to make and it was agreed that he and DT would write to Dover District Council regarding the matter when all relevant information was to hand. Victoria Lawson stated the Sutton and Great Mongeham parishes with DDC district were undertaking VDSs and she agreed to pass on contact details.

Distribution of the Parish Plan

OC reported that he had distributed copies of the Plan to DDC and KCC, to local councillors of both authorities, to the Police and to Action for Communities in Rural Kent. AC had given a copy to the school and the local vicar. VL congratulated the committee on a very professional document and for continuing with follow-up action. RA presented the chairman with a framed copy of the Plan in recognition of his contribution to the process.

VL invited the committee to send a representative to a 'Bridging the gap' seminar on 19th September and it was agreed that DT would attend.

Village Hall

DT reported that he had received a report from JS that the village hall committee had identified the need to publicise events and suggested that a revamped village newsletter (which the steering committee had previously agreed to take on) would be an ideal vehicle. It was agreed that the newsletter should canvas for an editor to take it on. A questionnaire was also being prepared as part of a consultation with the village on what facilities would be required in a re-vamped hall which may require the services of this committee for distribution.

DS reported on a meeting with the architect previously employed on the project and on various ideas being discussed.

Any Other Business

MikeF reported that arrangements were in hand for a ceremony for unveiling the village sign on Friday 29th September and that formal invites would be made in due course.

OC reported that he had received a request for a copy of the Plan from someone purchasing a property in the village and it was agreed that one should be sent to him free of charge.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4th October, 2006.