

Minutes of Preston and Elmstone Village Society meeting held

8th April 2009 at the Half Moon & Seven Stars

Present:

David Theoff (Chairman)
Louise Perryman (Secretary)
Ollie Chapman

Lorna Listbrain
Patricia Simpson
John Simpson
Jan Rudolph
Duncan Scott
Karen Wright

1. Apologies for absence were received from, Alan Coller (Treasurer), Roger Ayling and Pip Hazelton

1b The meeting welcomed Elizabeth Timms from the Friends of Preston Church committee as a guest at the meeting. She confirmed they would be carrying out their usual activities this year and would be present at the Steam Rally as this event helps them enormously in their fundraising efforts. She invited LL to their next meeting on 20th April. Regarding the Newsletter, she welcomed the opportunity to provide a regular column relating to Preston church activities. LP suggested they may be able to make use of the website once it is a little more re-worked. DT suggested we rename the site asap, **Action LP** to arrange with J Greig a new domain name such as Prestonvillagesociety.org and map it to the existing site.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 13th March 2009 were adopted as a true record

3. Matters arising

It was agreed that matters arising would be dealt with by items on the agenda.

4. Payment of accounts

Treasurer not present. PS reported that they had purchased 20 JSOs for forthcoming fundraising events and would be submitting a claim for £10. Also £27.50 for hire of the hall for a Youth Forum Meeting.

DT asked for confirmation that V. Hall would be free on 23rd May. **Action PS**

DT highlighted that the Bank account name to be changed **Action: AC**

And that we need to get registered as a charity **Action DT and AC**

DT suggested we consider a special account for V Hall refurbishment fund.

Action: All- decide at next meeting

5. Village Society Events

Goosebumps Event

Discussion with those present indicated nearly 100 attendees likely. It was agreed that wine will be sold at £2 per glass, and at £6 and £8 per bottle. Other pricing of soft drinks and beer would vary from 80p upwards. AC would compile price list on the day. All involved on the night would arrive at around 7pm. LP would confirm times with the band. **Action LP and All**

Plant sale. Nothing new to report

School fete. JS reported that it had been decided after all not to hold an Art Exhibition in the Village hall on the day of the fete as there were too many complications. Ian Turner, chairman of the FOPS had been invited to come to another Village Society meeting.

Steam Rally – separate meeting required after Goosebumps commitments met. DT confirmed the generator would not be a problem – high spec for power and it would be covered for insurance.

Concert at Forstal House Nothing new to report

Dance at Preston Court barn. DT reported that Gearbox could not do 12th September but could do 5th. **Actions:** LL to confirm that 5th Sept is OK.

PS mentioned a Cellist - Rebecca Carrington. Might be able to stage events with her. **Action. PS** will try to get more details but not high priority given other commitments

It was agreed that the social Sub Committee would meet on 27th April at the pub.

6. Young Persons Action Plan

JS and PS reported the Youth forum meeting with the DDC and the Ash/little Stour Youth Action Group to discuss obtaining funding of £45,000 from a trust fund to finance a 3 year project to run youth clubs etc had not happened yet (24th April) They were well prepared for this meeting and were also going to visit Petham Youth club in two weeks time. **Action PS/JS**

Football shelter. PS reported that unfortunately there is now a funding shortfall as the extra £500 we needed is no longer available – alternatives need to be sought. DT suggested he may be able to provide short term funding to avoid a further delay on this project.

PS is also looking at providing some sort of wall/area for kicking balls

7. Reports on Action Plan Progress

Village Hall refurbishment

JS confirmed the task now was to raise approx. £7000 including £2000 charges to get the designs to the planning stage.

KW offered to contact 'The Peoples' Millions' who raise funds for things like Village halls **Action KW**

Barclays also do a £ for £ matched funding scheme – contact is Rachel Stevens.
Action DT

PS said she will go with the architect to Petham village hall next week for an initial planning meeting

DS said he would look at potential heating sources such as woodchip.

Newsletter

It was pointed out that we need to ensure the web address and the editors details are always in the newsletter. **Action JS/LP**

Speedwatch

Nothing new to report

Neighbourhood Watch

DT stated that the 6 signs has arrived and he would arrand for them to be posted at all road entrances to the village. **Action DT**

Keep Village Clean

The big tidy up on 28th March was very successful and will be repeated in September

Footpaths and bridleways

Following his minuted action last month, DT had emailed Sue Chandler at DDC for assistance, but so far no response.

AOB

OC reminded the meeting of the Parish Council AGM on 22nd April. He asked for Minutes and agenda to be distributed via our network which was agreed.

Re-election of Village Society Committee. DT suggested we need to advertise it at the PC AGM and perhaps ask for votes on 23rd May. **Action DT** will produce a list of current members and some kind of documentation relating to this.

DS reminded the group that a housing needs survey was requested via PPC.
Action OC agreed to progress this.

JR reported two responses of interest following article in the Newsletter relating to the Archive/History project

Date of next meeting -13th May 2009.