

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRESTON PARISH PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE held on 9th January 2008 at Half Moon and Seven Stars**

Present:

David Theoff (Chairman)
Roger Ayling (Deputy Chairman)
Alan Coller (Treasurer)
Oliver Chapman
Duncan Scott
John Simpson
Pat Simpson
Louise Perryman
John Greig

Apologies for absence

Were received from Martin Ferber and Lorna Listbrain.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 5th December 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

Payment received from the Canterbury Volunteer bureau for the cost of phone calls made to research the Helping hands key organisations brochure AC handed £10 cash to those involved. All donated the cash to the Village Hall fund. DT mentioned that the £100 prize for the Village of the year competition had now been received.

Village Design Statement

The VDS Chairman RA reported that:

- with DTs help the Terms of Reference had been completed and agreed, also a small grant application had been made.
- Two items still outstanding for action were to make contact with young parents and farmers.
- Other VDSSC members had been tasked with writing the remaining sections of the document, which was now nearly 80% written in first draft form.
- An Open day was planned.

After discussion this committee agreed the target date was 1st March 2008. It would be advertised by a flyer delivered to houses (RA to design draft flyer and poster). The Open day consultation process would be reported in the later March Newsletter.

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Reports on Action Plan progress

Young Persons Action Plan.

DT reported that Trevor Skelton phoned to say small funds were available, suitable for YP shelter or similar (£500 to £1,000) He said he would complete and return the application very shortly.

He also said the Community Warden Co-ordinator had sent a form to be completed by the Parish Clerk, which should assist with our request for a community warden.

OC reported that he had a contact at DDC well versed in obtaining funding and other help available in relation to young people - he would follow up on this. The meeting planned for AC and Martin Knight to meet up with young people to gain their input was still outstanding

The Village Hall Refurbishment

JG/JS reported that the computer course training was now well booked for the 2nd February.

JS reported that he had a good meeting with Penny Day at the school and was arranging a meeting in early February aimed at formulating a plan to submit to KCC, as any new building would have to be on KCC land. The school would use the building as a sports facility and other activities requiring additional space. Unfortunately the new KCC Planning architect contact had now moved on.

Newsletter

OC re-iterated the positive feedback received and everyone agreed that it was now of consistently high standard.

Sponsorship was discussed. DT requested that a schedule be drawn up of sponsors for the year, so that it was clear who was committed to what. KW wasn't present so JS or DT would discuss this with her before the next meeting. JG undertook to talk with M Fenney in case he could make a contribution. It was suggested that an approach be made to the two estate agents in Wingham. Content. DS said his wife was arranging to interview Deiter Holsteiner and would write an article in time for the next issue. LP would liaise with OC to arrange an interview with Ed Bradley for a future issue.

Speedwatch

OC had nothing to report – KCC is re-organising and getting any information is currently impossible

Neighbourhood Watch

DT said he would check that the forms sent out applying to be area coordinator, Elmstone coordinator and deputy coordinator have been received by Sally Coleman as no response has been forthcoming. More volunteers are needed for the Preston area - DT agreed to approach Andy Sims to see if he was prepared to be involved.

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Community Facilities

Nothing to report

Education

Roger Ayling's photography course – he is re-arranging the dates.

DS confirmed that he would run an art course in the summer

Tennis Courts

Nothing to report

Helping Others

We have not yet received the printed directory for 'Helping Others' – DT will chase up with the Canterbury Volunteer Bureau to see what is happening. He will also invite Alex Krutnik along to the next meeting (or part of it) to discuss next actions and his previous offer to come along and do a workshop for the village

Keep the village clean

AC will organise with other volunteers to put up posters very soon, in time for the next clean up on Saturday 19th.

Footpaths and bridleways

LL not present, but OC reported that Denise Rophy of KCC undertook to ensure that paths and bridleways are kept clear. It was agreed that we should investigate the condition of the one that goes from Longmete to the school and report back. He also reported that the PCC has a grant for a large map of the area's paths to go in the centre of the village. This is in process of being arranged.

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Housing Needs Survey

Nothing to report

Village of the Year competition

DT reported that our prize of a 2 metre field maple tree is awaiting collection. RA offered to assist DT with this. It was agreed that the planting needs to be soon and that it should go outside Bishop Jenner court if there were no objections – OC to verify. Later a circular seat could be put around the tree.

Any Other Business

OC mentioned the absence of a logo for the newsletter. LP said that this had been worked on with JS by JG who had devised four different displays for the Newsletter – one for each season. Suggested we leave it like this for the time being as the Newsletter did not really need a brand identity.

OC also voiced concern over the Steam Rally, which due to the financial burden of staging it, is in danger of being abandoned. After some discussion it was agreed that DT would write a letter of support to LL, to be followed up by a visit. If appropriate an article could be incorporated into the next Newsletter - LP offered to interview Lorna and Michael and write up a story.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held at 8pm on 13th February 2008 at The Half Moon and Seven Stars.