

**Minutes Of A Meeting Of The Preston Parish Plan Steering Committee Held  
On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 At The Half Moon And Seven Stars, Preston.**

**Present:** David Theoff (Chairman)  
Roger Ayling (Deputy Chairman)  
Alan Coller (Treasurer)  
Louise Perryman (Secretary)  
Oliver Chapman  
Duncan Scott  
John Simpson  
Pat Simpson  
Karen Wright

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from John Greig, Lorna Listbrain and Martin Ferber

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were adopted as a true record.

**3. Matters arising**

All of the matters arising were dealt with by items on the agenda.

**4. Payment of accounts**

DT reported that £500 had been received from Action for Communities in Rural Kent, to go towards the youth shelter. DT said that another £250 would be forthcoming but the entire amount must be spent on the shelter as that is what we have stated. Also it must be spent within six months.

DS said that £238 had also been authorised by the same organisation for expenses incurred in producing the VDS. These funds must be spent by end March. AC reported that the PPP account is currently £1,559 in credit.

**5. The Village Design Statement**

DS confirmed that the draft VDS had been issued to the sub-committee members. It was agreed that it would be reviewed to see if a few elements be removed, where there was repetition with the PPP document. The plan for the final version was to have a VDS of shorter length with colour illustrations for release to parishioners. This would be supplemented by an additional section or Appendix in black and white, for use by DDC and other councils.

It was agreed that for now LP would ask JG to swap around sections 5 and 6 to help the flow. The document in its draft form would be posted on the web by 17<sup>th</sup> February.

A meeting with Mike Ebbs and others from DDC was scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February. Fliers and posters had been arranged for the Open day on 1<sup>st</sup> March and PPPSC members were urged to attend if possible.

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**6. Young Persons' Action Plan**

It was agreed that the ready made youth shelters at around £4000 exceed PPPSC budgets. AC agreed to come up with a design and price for an alternative by the next meeting. A meeting with the young people is now urgent as the location may affect the design - if it is not very close to the village hall there will be land ownership issues.

JS reported that he was booking 2 places on a free seminar on 13<sup>th</sup> March looking at the issues involved in setting up a youth forum.

**7. Reports on Action Plan progress**

***The Village Hall Refurbishment***

JS had attempted to talk with Penny Day but without luck. They were going to talk to KCC to see what approach would be most likely to gain approval.

Fundraising – there had not been progress with grants this month, but for local finance Lesley Blake had suggested putting on a pantomime. PS reported that other events during the year would be an aging rockers night, a wine tasting, an art course (DS), a science day, a quiz, and a coffee morning.

***Newsletter***

PS reported that OC would do a Parish council Chairman's report and the Pantomime idea would be put forward. Apart from the other standard content it may be the time to write about the Village Society and the other fundraising activities.

***Speedwatch***

OC reported that he had arranged for a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March with the KCC representatives. DT would also be attending.

***Neighbourhood Watch***

Now that Elmstone co-ordinators and deputies have all been registered DT has been trying to talk with Sally Coleman to clarify a few points for getting this properly launched but no success in making contact so far. However, 'Ring master' emails are now being directed to DT, and also the Neighbourhood watch Newsletter.

Regarding the Police and Community Warden (contact Maria Howell), DT said he would liaise with Frank Pinnington regarding the community policy

***Community Facilities***

KW reported that she had collected much information which she had passed to DS for incorporation in the VDS.

***Education***

The computing course went extremely well, especially for those with very little knowledge. Nothing else to report this month.

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***Tennis Courts***

Nothing to report.

***Helping Others***

DT reported that the booklets were awaiting collection and would then require distribution in the normal way.

***Keep the village clean***

The village clear-up went very well and both villages were largely cleared – even the puddle in the Village hall Car park was unblocked. AC was submitting a charge of £26.67 for rubbish disposal and vests

***Footpaths and bridleways***

No further movement regarding TROT. KW said she would continue to try to move it forward.

**8. Village of the Year competition**

The tree awarded was planted in Bishop Jenner Court. It is a field maple.

This year one section was considered potentially appropriate to enter – Communication. In addition there is a separate LCR/Co-operative Bank competition for best Website, and best Newsletter.

DT agreed with JS that the PPP would share the subscription cost of the Action with Communities in Rural Kent newsletter with the Village Hall committee as much was relevant to PPPSC

**9. Newsletter Funding**

It was agreed that the PPPSC needs to put together a letter and a package to go to potential sponsors, highlighting what they get for their investment.

KW would check the cost of a black and white version of the Newsletter

**Any Other Business**

OC announced that from mid February for a couple of weeks any members calling at the house could get free eggs, hens permitting!

Following discussion on the future of the PPPSC DT agreed to put together a proposal to move the PPPSC from its current state to that of a village society, starting with the submission of a draft constitution or Terms of Reference

Apologies to Dieter Holstein – his name was mis-spelled in last month's minutes.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the Moon and Seven Stars.