

AGM

11th May 2014

Present: Andy Cole
Mark Fitzpatrick
Christina Nurthen
Hannah Constantinidi
Brian Waters
Tim Justham
Liz Hunter
Richard Coles

Apologies: Mike Kellard
Louise Fitzpatrick

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed and signed.

Chairman's Report:

- TJ welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Glad to report that since last year the Trust has now new members and a reinvigorated purpose.
- Several new ideas and interest from the village made it evident there is value and a genuine need to keep the Trust alive.
- Diane Hayhurst, David Keast, Mark and Faye Higgin stood down and the Trust are grateful for their contributions over the years
- New Trustees include; Mike Kellard, Richard Coles, Christina Nurthen, Andy Cole, Brian Waters, Liz Hunter and Lynden Astill, (although we are soon to lose him to the sunnier climes of Cornwall and we wish him well in his new venture)
- The Trust Objectives have been looked at and the new Trustees have set about ensuring that the work in the coming year is more closely aligned with the original objectives of the Trust.
- The Trust has performed some charitable working conjunction with Elizabeth Bunker for the benefit of the village and we also donated to a charity for Motor Neurones Disease in memory of Jayne Campbell who many of you will remember as a Trust Committee member and who died last year.
- The Trust is co-ordinating the many village sections in order to put on "The Village Day" on Saturday 5th July. Details of this have already been advertised in the Village Newsletter.
- The Trust will continue to host various activities during the year, in particular the Christmas Tree lights and carols, and reinstate the photographic competition as we believe these activities capture and enhance the spirit of the village.
- The Trust will also continue to manage the village website; www.prestonvillageherts.com
- We will once again be asking the village to subscribe to the Trust and support our various activities throughout the year. Funds raised will help us meet the Trust objectives and allow us to support worthy village causes, either on our own or in conjunction with the Parish Council on projects beneficial to the village.
- We are suggesting a contribution of £20 per household, but of course you can donate what you like. Please do not forget the Gift Aid section of the subscription as every little helps!

Treasurers Report:

- MF thanked Sandy Bierrum for his help in reviewing the accounts.
- MF then summarised the accounts for the year.

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- The accounts were accepted.

Election of Officers:

- Chairman: Richard Coles
- Treasurer: Mark Fitzpatrick
- Secretary: Christina Nurthen
- New Trustees: Andy Cole, Liz Hunter.

Open Floor:

- Robert Young asked if the subscription form would be available anywhere else other than the website. TJ confirmed there will be a notice in the Preston News and a letter delivered.
- Doreen Samson offered to arrange delivery of the letter with the Village News.

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