

The Preston Trust

Meeting Minutes 19th March 2015 8pm

Present: Richard Coles
Andy Cole
Brian Waters
Tim Justham

Apologies: Mark Fitzpatrick
Liz Hunter
Mike Kellard
Christina Nurthern

Brief Review of Recent Activities

- Book launch
 - Successful event with many books ordered and people attending on 21st February
 - Another print run of 75 expected
 - Note to be put in Newsletter to see who else would like copies. **Action: AC**
- Local Plan representation
 - Submission by RC on behalf of Trust made on 27th January 2015. Many thanks to Mike Kellard for the time and effort put into creating the letter. No feedback so far.

Finance Update

- Mark was not able to attend the meeting, but emailed an update that the balance is just over £3,000, and the accounts are being prepared for Sandy Bierrum to review.
- The committee would like to see a list of subscribers which should be included as part of the handover from Mark to a new treasurer (see next section)

New Treasurer and Committee members

- Mark and Louise Fitzpatrick have resigned from The Trust due to other commitments. The Trust thanks them for their hard work and valuable contribution to The Trust. Louise's resignation is immediate, Mark will stand down at the AGM.
- Brian has spoken to Robert Young following his announcement that he will be retiring as Treasurer on the Parish Council, a position he has held for many years. Robert would be pleased to take on the Treasurer roll for the Trust, and the meeting was unanimously in favour. **Action: BW to formally ask and confirm acceptance**
- It would be good to have one or two more committee members if possible. A few names were mentioned by RC and AC who will approach people and email all committee members if anyone is keen to join. **Action: AC, RC**

Annual General Meeting (10th May)

- Date is 10th May at 11am as previously agreed. Notice to be put in Newsletter and hall to be booked. **Action: RC**
- The agenda and responsibilities were discussed, mostly based on last year. **Action: TJ to send previous documents to RC**
- Copies of agenda and 2014 minutes to be printed in advance – 20 should be enough. **Action: RC to ask CN to arrange this.**

Safari Supper

- Hannah emailed current status including names of those interested. There is sufficient interest for this to go ahead, but the provisional date of 25th April is too soon to organise, and after Easter we would like to concentrate efforts on the Village Day.
- Decision made to defer event to late Sept/early Oct. Christina to contact people to keep them updated. **Action: RC to update/ask CN**

The Preston Trust main objectives:

- To enhance and preserve Preston for the benefit of all the villagers and visitors.
- To secure the preservation and protection of features of historic or public interest, including the village's history.
- To promote high standards of planning and architecture.
- To support financially and promote any purpose for the benefit of villagers and in particular, its children and senior citizens.

Village Day (11th July)

- Andy ran through the high plans and feedback from last year's event, and progress so far including response from village societies and availability of the dog show again.
- Prizes agreed to be the same as last year. Richard will arrange 2nd and 3rd as last year, and Andy to secure iPad. **Action: Andy to contact Mark Waters.**
- Regular updates to be in the Newsletter. **Action: Andy**
- Need to keep pub informed/check no other event on same date. **Action: BW**
- After Easter we will convene some sub-committee meetings as required. **Action: RC to with Andy**

World War 1 Centenary Commemoration

- Andy updated us that the church is waiting for a stonemason to provide a quote.

Village contact database

- Brian updated that the Parish Council has looked into the possibility, but decided against initiating such a database due to potential data protection and compliancy issues.
- The Trust still thinks this could be of benefit to all villagers and societies, so BW to talk further to Matt Burleigh who was leading investigation for the Parish Council. **Action: BW**

Village defibrillator

- The Parish Council is going ahead with the installation of two defibrillators, one at the cricket ground, and one at the Red Lion. Since The Trust originally raised the topic in mid-2013, the Parish Council asked if we would like to make a contribution to the installation costs.
- The meeting discussed that the funds are already in place for installation, and since The Trust does not have large reserves, it was felt that we should politely decline the offer to make a donation. **Action: BW to inform Parish Council**

Supporting Preston Primary

- Brian is a governor at Preston Primary and expressed that it would be good to do a project with the school. The meeting noted that we have involved the school in events such as offering for their choir to sing at Christmas, and distributing ice creams in recognition of the scarecrows entries, but agreed that this is something to consider further. **Action: All**

Quarterly meeting dates

- Due to the fact that we are looking for some new members, and that apart from the AGM the next meetings will focus on the village day, proposed quarterly meeting dates will be sent out in 2-3 months' time. **Action: RC**

Photographic Competition

- This will go ahead, but not sure when yet. Plan to be developed. **Action: RC**

Christmas Decorations

- Richard updated that too many suppliers did not have stock post-Christmas, so will be revisited in October/November.

Preston website

- Tim reported that he has full access to the site now, having contacted the developer, and has made some updates as per comments from RC. This improves branding as well as content.
- Tim has submitted annual site hosting invoice (from 3rd party) to Mark to be paid. **Action: Mark**
- Richard suggested adding website link to footer on the Trust's Gmail account. **Action: Richard**

AOB - none