

## **The Preston Trust**

### **Minutes of meeting held 21 September 2017 at Fairways, Church Lane, Preston.**

In attendance Richard Coles, Robert Young, Richard Woolfson, John Robinson, Brian Waters, Tim Justham, Rae Reynolds, Wally Steele and Andy Cole. Apologies from Mike Kellard and Liz Hunter.

#### **1 - Feedback from Village Day**

We were very fortunate with the weather but disappointed with the Village turn out to support. Comments were received that people missed the Scarecrows which proved to be a big draw in previous years and the Preston Bake off was cancelled due to lack of support. Mention was made that the event clashed with other events in the area although the timing was the same as previous years and perhaps we need more activities to attract people. Numbers increased around the time of the Dog show which proved to be a big attraction and it was thought that the Treasure Hunt was not fully understood by the Village but enjoyed by the people who did participate. Whilst no firm decisions were made about the future of Village Day it was suggested that we reschedule for September and have an indoor back up plan in case of inclement weather.

#### **2 - Finance and Membership update**

Robert circulated a note reflecting an up to date balance of £7961. This has risen due to the Broadband VAT refunds much of which has been donated to the Trust by the individual contributors and we have included this as the annual subscription for membership.

#### **3 - New Secretary**

No committee members have come forward and we continue to rely on volunteers at the meeting to take minutes. Rae has offered to look into the legality of whether or not we need to formally appoint one and will report back at next meeting

**Action point - Rae to research.**

#### **4 - Cockenhoe Planning Application**

Unfortunately we missed the deadline to make representation in this matter.

#### **5- Funding request for Primary School Library**

Brian kindly brought photographs of the finished Library for the committee to see. The School are very pleased with the finished product and we will now arrange to make the £1000 contribution we had agreed to support them.

**Action point - Robert to arrange for cheque**

#### **6- Luton Airport**

We now have life membership of LADACAN (Luton and District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) and have received their latest newsletter and Minutes of AGM. The CAA are conducting an online survey on noise which closes 5 January 2018 and we have agreed to send a PNS note to the Village to bring this to their attention and encourage people to make comment. Tim has agreed to look into some of the technical points mentioned and report back

## **Action points - Tim to look into technical points**

**Andy to send PNS note to Village**

### **7 - Copper phone lines**

Wally has reported that as well as having optical fibre to the Village we still have a copper service that operates if there is a power cut in the area. There are currently some issues with the copper service and Wally will investigate further.

**Action point - Wally to investigate and report back**

### **8 - Plans for CPRE talk and Litter Pick**

CPRE talk is booked for 12 October 8 - 9pm and Litter Pick 21 October.

It was agreed that we will provide Cheese and Wine for the CPRE event

Invite to be sent via PNS.

**Action points - Liz to arrange note to be sent via PNS**

### **9 - Your Country Needs you campaign**

Leaflets have been received around the Village to preserve the Green Belt and to stop the development in such areas. Discussions were held whether we should financially support but decided that we need to do further research before committing.

**Action point - Richard W to investigate further and report back.**

### **10- - PT Newsletter**

Discussions held as to content for next Newsletter

**Action points Wally to see if he has any suitable Village Day photographs to include**

**Brian to send Richard photos of School Library**

**Richard C to arrange Newsletter**

### **11 - Website**

Tim and Wally have been working together to attempt to update but have various technical issues to overcome first. Currently work in progress.

**Action points Tim and Wally to update progress at next meeting**

### **12 - AOB**

12.1 -Last year's photos that have been on display in the Red Lion to be distributed to the originators

12.2 - Parish Council have suggested that we arrange a History plaque on the Well. Concept discussed but confusion over whether this would be Trust's responsibility or PPC.

**Action Point - Richard C to speak with PPC Treasurer**

12.3 - Rae has reported that the Village Hall is very inaccessible for wheelchair users and this should be brought to the attention of PPC/Village Hall committee.

**Action Point - Richard C to follow up**

**Next meeting 23 November 2017**