

The Preston Trust Meeting Minutes

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Present

Andy Cole, Richard Coles, Liz Hunter, Mike Kellard, Rae Reynolds, Wally Steele, Richard Woolfson, Robert Young.

Apologies

Tim Justham, John Robinson (retiring), Brian Waters

New chairman and treasurer – RC

RC reported that WS is willing to stand as chairman and AC as treasurer. All on the Preston Trust Committee happy with this.

Actions- RC to liase with WS about handover of role if elected
RY to liase with AC about handover of role if elected

AGM – RC

RC confirmed that he, Robert Young and John Robinson will not be re-standing for election at the AGM.

Date set for the AGM is Sunday 13th May at the Village Hall .

There was a discussion on whether to hand deliver the leaflets to individual households but it was agreed not to. MK said he would be more than happy to go door to door and introduce himself and the Preston Trust to new residents. WS,RR and LH said they would too and so this will coincide with the new PT membership forms, in June. To be discussed further at next meeting. 70 % of households are on the PNS. We must try to include the rest and where possible, encourage them to join the PNS. **NB.** not all parishioners are on the internet or wish to engage using it.

Actions- book VH with Doreen Sansom - RC
draft and take copies of the agenda -RC
draft and take copies of the finance report - RY
create leaflets to be included in May Newsletter- RR.
draft a short insert for May Newsletter and arrange inclusion - LH
draft and put out message on PNS - AC

Finance Update - RY

RY reported that there is £4334 available in the account, after the £2,000 reserve, to finance projects. There have been no new members.

Actions- none

Review of the Litter Pick – LH

LH was very happy to report that despite the snow, 19 people turned up on the day to help (Mike and Sue Kellard having collected from their area previously)NHDC delivered a 'tool kit' to be used, comprising of: Hi viz vests, litter pickers, rubbish bags and disposable gloves. All of the rubbish (not all in bags) was removed by NHDC by 9:30 on Monday morning. BW had arranged that Pilkington's would remove any burnable rubbish after the litter pick up but this was not utilised due to NHDC removing everything.

LH and WS identified such items as a garden parasol, bricks and fairy lights at the copse on Back Lane but these had disappeared before the litter pick up. They also identified that the back of Church Meadow (the Millennium Park) and the waste of the manor at Sootfield Green are both in need of clearance. **A date of Saturday 14th of April from 10.00 to 12.00 am has been arranged.**

During the litter pick up cans of red diesel were retrieved. It has now been brought to the notice of the PT trustees that in future any containers of red diesel /chemicals should be left where they are and reported to the police. Volunteers should be made aware of this from now on.

**Actions~ mobilise helpers for the day and co-ordinate LH
apply for help from NHDC- RR (done)**

Further updates on Website tweaks after last meeting – WS/TJ

WS explained that he and TJ have made further updates to the website including changing to the contact forms and setting up the website so that if an external link is accessed it will open automatically in a new tab. It was agreed that the addition of rubbish pick up days and which colour bin to put out is very useful! WS explained that this has to be tweaked slightly as not all parishioners have the same day.

WS reported that Simon from IDNET had enquired about having an advert on the website. It was agreed that paid advertising is not a route that the PT want to go down. As IDNET supply free WI FI to the Red Lion and sponsor the cricket club, it was agreed to include them on the website's 'Businesses in the Parish Section.

**Actions~ contact Simon at IDNET and let him know - WS
continue updating the website -TJ/WS (ongoing)**

Village Hall Accessibility - RC

RC contacted Lisa Lethane at the Parish Council. She suggested a letter from someone who has experienced difficulty with accessibility would be useful. It has been agreed that this is NOT a Preston Trust matter and so no further action will be taken.

**Actions~ contact Lisa Lethane(PC) as a user of the Village Hall experiencing difficulty
NOT as a trustee of the Preston Trust- RR**

Autumn Village Event 2018 - All

The possibility of having a Barn Dance sometime in September was discussed. MK suggested that maybe the October half term would be good if the venue was to be 'indoors'. RC said he'd seen an advert for a Barn Dance in Kimpton. (maybe this means it would be a popular event) After lots of discussion on 'Where, What, When? The majority decision was that a PNS letter would be sent round announcing that sadly there won't be a Village Day this Summer but would parishioners be interested in an Autumn Barn Dance. If a positive response then the PT trustees will make it happen. RR suggested that there could still be activities / games such as the ladder game and a Rodeo Bull. This is will all be discussed/considered at the meeting in June.

**Actions - draft and put out a letter on the PNS, as above - AC
add something to the leaflet for the May Newsletter - RR**

Charity Commission status - RR

Having spoken to Sam on the Charity Commission help desk and carried out research RR reported that, although there is a small risk of liability to trustees, it is in the Preston Trust's interest to stay as it is - a trust. It is imperative that the trust holds public liability and legal insurances at all times.

The Trust's registered charity number - 802988 should be on all documents
LH Said that any new trustee members must be made aware of the fact that however small the risk they be held accountable. Everyone agreed

Actions - when writing for the Preston Trust include 'registered charity no. 802988' at the bottom of the document -all

New projects - WS/RC

WS reported that once the Preston Neighbourhood Plan goes to Regulations 15 and 16 there may be projects that will fall into the remit of the Preston Trust and not of the Neighbourhood Plan or the Parish Council. If all goes well with the draft Neighbourhood Plan these projects will be discussed at a later meeting.

RC shared a photograph of a 'map of walks and interesting features' on a small plinth, which is situated on the Village Green in Pirton. A discussion ensued on whether something similar would be good for Preston and if so what would it include and where would it be located?

Actions - think about what has been discussed and whether you agree or not and how to move forward -all

Next meetings

Thursday 14th June 2018/20 00/ TBA

Actions ~agree on venue - all

AOB – All

MK shared that he (and others) are getting more and more concerned about the standard of driving and lack of due care & attention shown by drivers within the parish and village. This is extremely noticeable during school drop off and pick up times with drivers showing no consideration for others. It is felt that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. MK suggested that a letter from the chairman of the Trust, could be sent to the Preston Nursery School, Preston Primary School and PHC voicing these concerns and asking for parents to be informed. The nursery and primary school parents could also be reminded that the Red Lion car park is available for their use when dropping off and collecting children and that they are encouraged to do so.

Action ~ draft and send letters to the 3 schools above - RC

MK asked if either Richard Coles or Robert Young intend to stay on the Preston Trust committee once they step down from their roles as chairman and treasurer. Sadly neither of them are but they are both willing to help those taking over them. Mike thanked them both for the effort and time they have both given the Preston Trust and said they will be missed- this was agreed with wholeheartedly by everyone.

Actions ~ none

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.

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