

Preston Trust

Minutes of Meeting held 31st January 2019 At Kilnwood Cottage

Present: Wally Steele (Chair), Tim Justham (Vice Chair), Andy Cole (Treasurer), Jo Coombes, Adrian Hardy, Elizabeth Hunter, Mike Kellard, Rae Reynolds, & Caroline Walford.

1	Welcome & Introduction	Action by:
	The Chairman gave a welcome to the three new Trustees, Jo Coombes, Adrian Hardy and Caroline Walford (new Secretary).	
	Apologies were received from Richard Woolfson.	
	It was noted that RR would circulate the Constitution, Aims etc to the new Trustees, together with the Minute file to CW.	RR
2	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The Minutes of the last two meetings (September & November) were signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
3	Matters arising	
3.1	It was agreed that the 5 remaining books on Preston history currently held by LH would be sold at the original price of £12 to villagers, but p&p & a small profit would be taken into account for the current enquiry from Switzerland. It was noted that this book is unlikely to be reprinted & that Meta Reeves currently provides a 'Welcome to Preston' pack to each new household, which contains Preston Trust (PT) information.	LH LH/WS
3.2	It was re-confirmed that PT would not be contributing to the church's recent appeal which had exceeded its target, & despite the fact that the church had now decided to additionally install central heating to replace the night storage heaters.	

3. 3	<p>It was noted that the lighting of the Christmas tree event had gone well and that the 5-7 year old competition had been won by Orson Hutchinson Chatham, & the 7-11's by Jessica Patten, whose Mother had written a kind thank you note.</p> <p>WS reported that the existing orange mains cable, whilst being far too long, was also unsafe as it had at least 2 faults. He agreed to investigate the cost of replacement v cost of repair with parts. The latter would mean the cable being re-PAT tested at a cost.</p>	WS
3. 4	<p>MK circulated his report on the replacement tree project & talked through the options. It was confirmed that the previous tree had died (effect of last summer's weather) & that he would ask Louis Harrington Smith to remove it FOC to the Trust. He confirmed he was awaiting price & details for installation of a new tree from Greensands Landscaping who had been recommended to him. It was agreed that a budget of £700 would be given to the purchase, delivery & installation of a new tree, preferably a Field Maple.</p> <p>However, it was also agreed that a watering rota, (perhaps from the school as a nature project) had to be secured to go ahead.</p> <p>MK further confirmed he had informed the Parish Council of the Trust's intentions as the tree was on common land which the PC arranged to have mown.</p>	MK AC WS/MK
3. 5	<p>RR informed the meeting that in December a new head mistress, Mrs Inneke Luitingh, had been appointed to the Primary School. It was agreed that an introductory letter should be sent from PT, & to also enquire whether the school would be interested in helping with the tree watering as a possible nature project.</p>	WS
3. 6	<p>It was confirmed that the Barclays mandate issue had now been resolved.</p>	
3. 7	<p>WS confirmed he would develop a prototype trader scheme for the website, together with proposed policies. Two recommended traders had been received already. Options of reviews, user comments etc would be taken into account when constructing the policy for discussion at a later date.</p>	WS

<p>3.8</p>	<p>AC updated the meeting on his ideas for the March wine tasting challenge, showing design & event suggestions, including tasting notes, country of origin, wine region (e.g. claret), dominant grape variety, price etc. He also gave a rough costing which showed an approximate breakeven at 20 attending, rising to a small loss for up to 45 based on 15 tastings per bottle. First prize could be a bottle of champagne, with 2nd & 3rd each receiving a bottle of wine. The entry charge would be £5 to Trust members, and £10 to non-members. This would hopefully encourage more households to join PT for a fun event at the village hall to find the Preston wine connoisseur 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed to also provide cheese & biscuits at an approximate cost of £40.</p> <p>As all the wine would come from the Wine Society it was thought a good idea to ask them for a wine donation via a staff member, Marrienne. She might also be up for helping out.</p> <p>A Wine Society Master, Sol, was also known and would be approached to see if he would like to help.</p> <p>The date of 22nd March was agreed & this would be checked with the village hall diary, together with maximum people allowed entry at one time.</p> <p>A3 posters would be printed & laminated, & details put up on the PT website & sent out via Preston News Service (PNS). Final details of this event would be agreed by email.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>RR</p> <p>MK</p> <p>RR</p> <p>WS/RR/AC</p> <p>All</p>
<p>3.9</p>	<p>AC confirmed that around 80% of possible residential households were registered for the PNS which amounted to some 108 houses out of a total of 172.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Committee Member updates</p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Village Day</p>	

	<p>A number of ideas were discussed: A dog show compared by Avis who had done it before. A scarecrow competition - we needed around 40 entries as 20 too low a number, possibly combined with a walking quiz. Jane & David Clarke to be asked for strawbales. A pop-up barn dance (weather dependent) with a caller (Bill), no band, no marquee & ? re food, but drinks could be purchased from the pub. Maypole dancing by the school & vintage cars via Julian. Daytime BBQ to help with prize money cost recovery. To be advertised from March onwards by PNS etc. It was agreed that villagers should be asked to suggest ideas they would like to see & also possible stalls for charity. PT other ideas to be explored included table football, tug of war, barrel rolling, cheese/orange rolling, sack races. A prize of an Ipad or similar to be given(approximate budget £200) for the best voted scarecrow.</p>	<p>AC AC WS AC WS/AC MK AC All AC</p>
4.2	Finance Update	
	<p>AC presented & went through the latest accounts, confirming the tax refund was an estimate as he still had to do the calculation. It was confirmed the domain name in future would cost £12 p.a. AC further confirmed the Charity Commission good news that as turnover was less than £25K then only an income & expenditure account needed to be compiled.</p>	<p>AC</p>
4.3	Christmas cards	
	<p>This item would be carried forward to the next meeting. It was noted that photos of the current snowfall might be possible, otherwise photos from WS's extensive collection would be considered early summer.</p>	<p>CW</p>
5.0	Any Other Business	
5.1	<p>The 16th March, 10 - noon, was agreed for the next litter pick. This would be advertised via PNS & the Preston newsletter. WS confirmed he was happy to have the collected rubbish collected by NHDC from his house on the Monday following. NHDC would also be asked to supply bags, high viz jackets etc. as previously. It was suggested we publish photos of the rubbish on PT website so residents could see some of what Trustees do.</p>	<p>LH RR WS</p>

5. 2	MK informed the meeting that he had written to the Public Health authorities to give notice of dealing with an infestation of rooks that both he & Mrs L Cooke were experiencing.	
5. 3	The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 26 th March 8pm at Rosebank, Back Lane.	All
5. 4	The meeting closed at 22.30pm.	