

The Preston Trust

Minutes from meeting 22 November 2018

Present Wally Steele, Rae Reynolds, Liz Hunter, Mike Kellard, Andy Cole

Apologies Tim Justham, Richard Woolfson

Matters Arising – Previous minutes to be updated and signed at next meeting

Action WS

Events

Recent

THE LITTER PICK AUTUMN 2018: Saturday, 27.10.18, 10am - 12 noon: 18 residents turned out to assist. All the lanes and footpaths cleared.

3 zones need further attention: The entrance to the Reservoir - a large mirrored door in the hedge; Sootfield Green - large amount of bricks and concrete blocks in the ditch; Prestonhill Farm/footpath to Hitch Wood - a mound of soil with bricks, stones and a squashed 'metal' tank. ACTION: WS/LH/NHDC + Uberbaser. WS suggested that the Prestonhill Farm 'mound' should be referred to PPC/Margaret Trinder.

THE WALKS and TALKS 2018:-

1. Saturday, 28.07.18: a visit to Princess Helena College: a Grade 2* building with a registered park and gardens: 25 residents supported this, led by Mike Kellard.
2. Saturday, 25.08.18: a visit to Tudor House at Poynders End: a Grade 2* building: 9 residents attended this, although 19 had signed up for it! Led by Colin Heathcote.
3. Saturday, 29.09.18: a visit to Wain Wood: a site of Special Scientific Interest : 27 residents supported this, led by Rupert Bruce, Property Manager of the Kings Walden Estate.

The 3 visits were organised by LH; all participants were given handout sheets giving further information on each site, researched by LH. The choice of these sites followed on from research completed for the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan. Blessed with fine weather, the visits all proved to be enjoyable, and were an innovation for the Trust.

Planned

County at War Showing

Disappointing response to this event so far with 24 people attending which includes the Committee. The event has been advertised by PNS and also a leaflet drop around the Village which we hope will generate additional interest.

Wally has the Film and Projector and will either acquire a new Screen or borrow one for the event.

Wine and Cheese to be offered to guests at viewing

Hall booked from 6.30pm Film to be shown at 7.30pm

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Liz has contacted Dan Hill who has been involved in the research for the film to introduce it on the evening and is awaiting to hear if he is able to do so. If not, Richard Woolfson will introduce the film.

Action

WS to set up and deal with technology

LH to arrange Cheese/biscuits etc

AC to arrange wine

MK to arrange glasses

Christmas Tree Event

Tree has arrived and is at Nurthens

Tree to be set up and decorated from 10am 1 December – support from the Committee and a PNS note to be sent out requesting any help from Villagers

WS has liaised with Preston Village Voices who will attend, Sue Griffiths who will provide musical accompaniment and WS will act as MC for the event.

Ray and Jo from The Red Lion will arrange Mulled Wine/Minced Pies etc and the Committee to help with serving on the night. The PT will pay for Wine/Food etc

WS has emailed the School to request volunteers/competition winners to switch on the lights and we are happy to provide prizes to the winners if a competition is held.

Action

RR to arrange PNS reminder

WS to liaise with Preston Primary School regarding switching on lights

Committee to help with putting Tree up on 1 December from 10am

Committee to meet at Red Lion at 5.30pm on 2 December to help with event.

Mention was made that the Litter Pick had been well supported and was successful as were the series of Walks and Talks arranged by Liz and the first one run by Mike.

Action

WS to contact Margaret Trinder regarding rubbish to be removed

2019 Village Day and Scarecrows

Nothing needed to be done at present – Launch to start in March next year.

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Request for Finance

Nothing further heard from the Red Lion regarding shelving at present

Letter received from St Martin's Church regarding the toilet appeal. This was discussed but there are concerns about the costs of the scheme and the amount of use the toilet will see. It was felt that if the Church required some substantial repair the Trust would be willing to help but as this is not the case then we should not assist at present. It was also recognised that the Church has already written to everyone in the Village who are also our membership base requesting assistance therefore our members have had the opportunity to support if they so wish and our involvement would be a duplication of effort.

Finance Update

We now have 49 members and subscriptions total £1660. Total income this year is £2645 with expenditure of £1430 and total funds held being £7725.

AOB

Tree on Green which we replanted last year looking poor and mention was made that we should consider replacing. This was discussed and agreed.

Action

MK to make enquires for a suitable replacement

Liz mentioned that she has now found the 5 'Preston' books written by Philip Wray which we could advertise on PNS

Action

WS to contact Austrian gentleman who expressed an interest in a book

LH to send a PNS note in December to see if anyone in the Village would like to buy one.

Christmas Cards/ Calendars – great idea of Tim's to do this but decided that not enough time to arrange before Xmas this year but should plan in July next year in time for Christmas. Decided that we should go for Cards only and not bother with Calendars as most people use electronic versions these days.

AC suggested that we should arrange a Wine tasting challenge in March next year as a fun event for the Village to attract a wider audience and encourage the younger generation to join in.

Action

AC to plan how it would work and discuss further at next Committee meeting.

Next Meeting 31 January 2019 at 8pm. Venue - Kiln Wood Cottage**Action**

Committee members to note

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