

Preston Trust

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Sunday 19th May 2019 At the Village Hall, Preston

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

1	Welcome & Introduction	Action by:
	The Chairman gave a welcome to all present, including the three new Trustees, Caroline Walford, Adrian Hardy and Jo Coombes who had all joined at the beginning of 2019. He confirmed all Trustees were present.	
	Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Young, Brian Walters & family, & Richard Coles.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting	
	Following general consent, the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
3	Chairman's Report	
3.1	The Chairman presented his report featuring the sense of community and awareness of the Parish through free social events, funded by subscriptions & donations, which have been held over the year. He highlighted the 3 walks and talks organised by Liz Hunter, the talk by LADACAN, the County at War film showing & the Christmas tree light evening. The wine tasting event went down very well as did the Easter Egg hunt. The Chairman thanked all the people inside the village and out who had been involved in these events.	
3.2	The Trust had also purchased an HD projector & screen for village events & that the Trust website had been updated & improved, thanking IDNET for their valuable contributions.	
3.3	The Chairman stated that the growing band of litter pickers, particularly as seen in the Spring litter pick, were assisting the Parish remain tidy and that NHDC were supporting this with the loan of tools & enforcement notices where identified culprits could be found.	
3.4	Finally the Chairman thanked Andy Cole for all his hard work with the Scarecrow competition, Preston News Service & the Wine Challenge as he was now standing down as Treasurer.	
4	Treasurer's Report	
4.1	The Treasurer confirmed that as the accounts were below £25K, they only needed to be simple receipts & payments which were now being presented.	

4.2	Regarding income he highlighted that subscriptions were lower due to VAT refunds on the broadband last year and that there were 52 members. The tax refund was coming into the 2019 accounts & the sundry item was a refund coming back from a grant not fully used.	
4.3	Regarding payments these showed the wine challenge & Christmas tree costs together with 3 rd party liability insurance to protect the Trustees. He confirmed that IDNET were now donating web maintenance & a grant had been given to Preston Village Voices for a keyboard.	
4.4	The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts had been independently verified & the Chairman signed them as a true record.	
5	Election of Officers & Committee	
5.1	Chair – Wal Steele, nominated by C. Walford & seconded by M Cashin. Vice Chair – Tim Justham, nominated by W. Steele & seconded by H. Reeves. Secretary – Caroline Walford, nominated by W. Steele & seconded by M. Reeves. Treasurer – vacant, agreed that role to be temporarily handled by the Chairman. All the above were duly elected.	
5.2	Richard Woolfson, Liz Hunter, Rae Reymolds, Mike Kellard & Jo Coombes were elected enbloc with W Steele proposing & J Plocnikof seconding.	
6	AOB	
6.1	There was no further business, and the floor was opened to the year ahead.	
6.2	Following discussion, there was a general consensus that planning issues & aircraft noise levels should be continued to be looked at by the Preston Trust, with possibly a sub-Committee in conjunction with LADACAN.	WS
6.3	Village Day 6 th July was coming up with scarecrows, cars, a bird of prey display, stalls, games & entertainment, food & icecream with a band playing in the evening.	WS
6.4	Liz Hunter was looking to organise walks & talks, and gave a brief synopsis of a possible boundary walk over 2 days & a local history evening.	LH
6.5	Mike Kellard mentioned that he was looking to do a talk on vernacular architecture in Preston – Why do our houses look the way they do, & if you alter them how do you get them to fit in.	MK
6.6	There would be the Christmas tree light event possibly expanded with pony rides, fancy dress, roasted chestnuts & games.	WS
6.7	The litter picks would continue in the Autumn and Spring, with the possibility of help to scarify & re-seed the Green.	LH
6.8	It was confirmed that the improved new facilities when built at St Martin's meant that the church could be used more for village activities such as a concert, film showing etc.	
6.9	The meeting closed at 12.13 & drinks & nibbles were then served.	