

LONG PRESTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Steering committee, 23 August 2004

MINUTES

Present:	Gerry Allsopp	(GA)	
	Steve Bird	(SB)	
	Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	
	Gillian Jones	(GJ)	Temp Chairperson
	John R Mathews	(JRM)	
	John P Rodgers	(JPR)	
	Peter Scott-Smith	(PSS)	
	Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	
	Beverley Wrigley	(BW)	Temp Minutes Secretary
Apologies:	John Barley	(JB)	
	Diane Allen	(DA)	

1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

1.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record

2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 **SB** stated that he had spoken with his daughter and that her advice would be to register with Companies House as a 'Company Limited by Guarantee'. The cost of this would be £20 and if we wished she could do this for us. Following a discussion it was agreed that the steering group would recommend to the full committee that this is done in order that officers were not liable for any debt in the future.
- 2.2 **HTS** has now received a copy of the Craven Guidelines on residents associations but had not had chance to read them fully.
- 2.3 **GJ** confirmed that she had sent the letters referred to in Item 2.2 of the last minutes. The PC had been positive about the position on the committee for a PC member.
- 2.4 **GJ** stated that she had had discussions with a number of villagers and thought that there may be a feeling that affordable housing could be used by people outside LP as we would have no control over houses not needed by local people.
- 2.5 **PSS** reported that Mary Russell had requested that he put his concerns about the survey methodology in writing. **GJ** thoughts were that we needed to be able to show that a credible survey could be carried out.
- 2.6 **GJ** had had her meeting with Peter Watson YDNP a summary of the meeting is set out in item 7

3.0 Presentation Arrangements

- 3.1 Item 1 – **GJ** handed the meeting over to **PSS** who ran through the format of the presentation. It was agreed that **PSS's** proposal to name the residents association **LoPRA** as it rolled off the tongue was a good one and that this should be adopted. **PSS** stated that further slides would be needed for items 2 & 3. **GJ** stated that Hilary had agreed to Chair the meeting and that she would prepare an introduction statement for Hilary to read. It was agreed that the aerial picture of the village would be projected as people arrived.
- 3.2 Item 2 – It was agreed that **PSS/HTS/KG** and **GJ** would put together points and that it would be presented on the evening by **HTS, PSS** and **KG**.
- 3.3 Item 3 – **HTS** to present 'first priorities' from the points set out in **GJ** email.
- 3.4 Item 4 – It was agreed that Hilary should offer the constitution for adoption stating that any amendments raised could be made with the first twelve months.
- 3.5 Item 5 – This item would be raised by Hilary, **JPR** and **SB** to collect subscriptions.
- 3.6 Item 6 – Hilary would ask for questions.
- 3.7 Item 7 – **HTS** stated that Andrew Walkden of Church Street LP had agreed to be nominated for treasurer. All other nominations for the steering group were as stated in the last minutes. There would also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. **SB** stated that he had a flip chart at his office, which could be used to list the nominations but that he had no transport to get it home. **JRM** agreed that he would pick him up one evening.
- 3.8 Item 8 – It was agreed that voting would be by a show of hands.
- 3.9 Item 9 – Hilary would invite nominations this would include any from the floor.
- 3.10 Item 10 – It was agreed that this would be advertised at a later date.
- 3.11 Item 11 – Hilary

4.0 Patron

- 4.1 As Susan Brooks was happy to be nominated for Patron it was agreed that we should propose her under AOB.

5.0 Current Position Re-officers

- 5.1 See item 3.7

6.0 Feedback from Hilary Baker

- 6.1 See item 3.1

7.0 Feedback from Peter Watson

- 7.1 **GJ** stated that Peter Watson (Head of Planning YDNP) said that the earliest date for inspector report on the Public Enquiry would be October and the

latest January. The report would be available electronically or at their offices and in libraries. We would be unable to challenge the report in open discussion. Peter did state that the inspector is unlikely to approve any building on 'Greenfield' sites. Asked the question about the tipping on the Hartley Green site he stated that Northern Heritage had not requested an extension of time and that the site should be cleared at the agreed date.

8.0 Lobbying Plan

8.1 A discussion was held as to how we should set in motion the lobbying of the relevant bodies. **HTS** has prepared a list of contacts and addresses for people to write to.

8.2 It was agreed that the new committee should set out the approach for lobbying.

9.0 AOB

9.1 **PSS** suggested a database of LoPRA members and that the new committee should set up a sub-committee for lobbying.

9.2 **GJ** recorded thanks to **PSS** for all his hard work on the publicity and printing.

Date & venue of the first LoPRA committee to be agreed by its officers but 2nd September proposed – venue TBA