



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

Minutes

**THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
LONG PRESTON VILLAGE HALL**

The meeting welcomes all LoPRA members and Long Preston Residents.

[We hope to keep AGM business brief, as an Open General Meeting will follow. The attendance of LoPRA members would be greatly appreciated, as this will be especially important for voting at the AGM.]

Keith's opening and apologies: (Hilary Baker, Gavin and Nita Dewar, John Rodgers, Samantha Glossop, Philip Johnston, Helen Firth, Robert Cater, Joan Mummery)

1. AGM 2005 Minutes* - seconded by KG and passed by Members
2. Annual Reports* - see Chairman's report, Gavin's report (Traffic Counts)
3. Treasurer's Financial Statement * – accounts audited by Chris Wilcock – income down - see Treasurer's report and graphs, etc
4. Election of Officers and General Committee Members – see nominations*, seconded by Keith and accepted by members present although no need to vote as not enough nominees for vacancies (9/10)
5. Election of Auditor – Chris Wilcock re-elected
6. Consideration of Items Previously Notified - none
7. Subscriptions – briefly mentioned household membership and that had decided to maintain individual membership as may cause difficulties regarding present voting procedures
8. AOB – none

* see attached

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Item 1:

AGM Minutes, 22 Sept 2005

7.30pm, Long Preston Village Hall

Cttee Present: **Heather Thomas-Smith (HTS)**
Vice Chairperson
Keith Grimshaw (KG)
Gavin Dewar (GD)
Samantha Glossop (SG)
Andrew Walkden (AW) Treasurer
John Mathew (JM)
John Rodgers (JR)

- 1.0 Apologies:** see Chairman's/Vice-chairman's notes
Also adding Jean Rodgers and James Rodgers (LoPRA members)
- 2.0 Thanks:** see Chairman's/Vice-chairman's notes
- 3.0 Annual Report:** see Chairman's/Vice-chairman's notes
- 4.0 Treasurers Report:** (From Andrew Walkden)
- 5.0 Election of Officers:** Proposed by: Heather Thomas Smith
Seconded by: Andrew Walkden. Members voted in favour of accepting the nominations for Officers, committee members and the Change of Chairman after six months if no co-opted volunteers for Secretary were forthcoming in that time.
- 6.0 Election of Auditor:** Chris Wilcock Proposed by: HTS Seconded by: John Rodgers, members voted in favour.
- 7.0 Consideration of items:** none submitted
- 8.0 Amendments to Constitution:** the following were the proposed amendments agreed in committee on 12th May 2005 to submit to the AGM.

(7a) Quorum at Cttee. meeting to become 5 including 1 officer as opposed to 5 plus one officer.

(12a) Notice of AGM 56 days prior – to become – 28 days prior.

(12b) Agenda of AGM published 28 days before– to become – 14 days before.

(16) Change Quorum at the AGM to be 20% of Paid up members.

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- (5) Membership open “only” to residents of Long Preston (omit “only”)
 - (5b) Addition of affiliated membership at discretion of committee.
 - (9) Patron – change ‘long serving officer’ to ‘LoPRA member’
 - (11) Remove “October”
 - (18) Subscriptions – change membership to run until 30th September.
- (Numbers refer to numbered sections in the constitution)

After much discussion on each point the members voted in all the above except (16) where the members would not accept a reduction of the Quorum at the AGM from 25% to 20% of paid up members. The members voted in favour of retaining the 25% of paid up members to attend an AGM to make it Quorate.

The amendments were proposed by Heather Thomas-Smith and seconded by Keith Grimshaw. The members voted in favour of the above amendments to the constitution and the retention of point (16) in the original constitution.

9.0 Subscriptions – report from Andrew Walkden

10.0 A.O.B. – Moved to the Open meeting part of the proceedings. Before moving on to the General meeting Elizabeth Gray wished to propose a thanks to the Committee from the Members for all the hard work they have put in over the past twelve months on behalf of the members and the Village.

Item 2:



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21ST September 2006

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thank you all for attending tonight.

I would like to open the meeting by emphasising the importance of LoPRA and its membership.

LoPRA was formed over two years ago when the threat of unsuitable development in the village seemed uncontrolled. It seemed that Long Preston, being on the very edge of the National Park boundary, could be sacrificed or even disregarded. Elected members appeared to show no interest in Long Preston.

Over the last two years we have contributed vigorously to various debates – development – affordable housing – A65 bypass and detrunking issues, and various others. We have not minced our words.

At the same time we have built up a relationship with both elected members and the chief officers of authorities with responsibilities for our area. In particular, members, the Chief Executives and officers of the National Park and Craven District Council have attended LoPRA meetings and have said on several occasions that it is refreshing and helpful to them to have real feedback and live debate on local issues.

LoPRA has supported and worked with the Parish Council. LoPRA is helping to make local democracy work better by choosing issues that need to be addressed and applying expertise in ensuring that there is a proper debate before decisions are made.

All communities need their champions. Communities where there is no public debate deserve what they get, and it probably won't be what they want, or need.

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This is why LoPRA is valuable and why it needs to continue its efforts. It has put Long Preston on the politicians map and we need to make sure that it stays there.

The last year has been very much a continuation of the previous year's issues and projects, but has nevertheless been demanding and productive, with some issues such as the outcome of the public inquiry into the revocation of the line of the Long Preston bypass still awaited.

Matters dealt with have been varied and include:

Sustainable Communities Initiative

A65 inquiry attended and representations made

A65 resurfacing issues

CDC Local Development Framework consultation documents response.

Long Preston Endowed School - Dog Poster competition

Clean up and village tidy day.

YDNP listed buildings workshop attended.

TRAMPS cinema arrangements made.

Funding of village hall black out curtains

Neighbourhood Watch open presentation.

Planning issues.

I hope all agree that this work needs to continue and that we all need to maintain our membership and actively encourage others by spreading the word!

Finally, thanks to all who have supported and helped us. I wish to thank Helen Firth our district councillor who shows her support by attending almost every committee meeting and providing her expert advice. The committee and officers have provided sterling efforts over the year, which brings me to my final point, a reinforcement of my introduction. Long Preston is on the political map and it needs to stay there. This will rely on your continuing support and a continuing willingness of people coming forward to serve on the committee.

LoPRA belongs to Long Preston and we need to expand its support!

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A65 Traffic Counts

Last year LoPRA undertook an extensive traffic count survey, recording vehicles through the village over more than 100 hours to give a representative picture to present at the Public Inquiry into the Revocation of the Bypass Orders. This showed that on typical Mondays to Thursdays, just over 11,000 vehicles passed through, rising to about 13,500 on Fridays and more at weekends; where peak flow rates of over 1,400 vehicles per hour were recorded - that is more than 1 every 3 seconds.

During the week HGVs and coaches make up typically 13% of the total. The weekends show a fall off in HGVs by Saturday lunchtime together with a marked increase in motorbikes; typically up to 10% on a fine Sunday. It should be noted that these figures did not include a sunny summer weekend let alone a Bank Holiday.

Item 3: (Treasurer's report)

Item 4:

AGM 2006 committee nominations:

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| Keith Grimshaw | Chairman |
| John Mathew | Vice-chairman |
| Andrew Walkden | Treasurer |
| Heather Thomas-Smith | Secretary |
| Rober Cater | |
| Gavin Dewar | |
| Jackie Hunt | |
| Gilian Jones | |
| Keith McBride | |

1x elected vacancy

2 x possible co-opted vacancies

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