



Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 10 May 2007

Present: Keith Grimshaw (Chairman), Jackie Hunt, Gillian Jones, Keith McBride and Robert Cater.

Apologies: Heather Thomas-Smith, Gavin Dewar, Andrew Walkden and John Mathew.

Minute

1. Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 April were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising

Re the possible closure of the **village post office**, JH is to collect information about a reported 'community post office' in the area.

Comments have been sent off about Craven DC's **Community Housing Strategy**.

3. Correspondence

There was none.

4. A65 Detrunking

KMcB said LP Parish Council was still awaiting comments it had sought on the matter from NYCC and the Highways Agency. When these are forthcoming, the PC would be able to give a view about the possibility of calling a public meeting.

5. Recruiting campaign leaflet

The leaflet drafted by Peter Scott-Smith was reviewed. Comments had been sent already to HT-S from RC. It was felt the draft appeared too 'strident' in promoting LoPRA's concerns about development, and needed to reflect LoPRA's wider developments into other more social aspects of village life. LoPRA's support for appropriate affordable housing should be mentioned. Comments were to be sought from all members by the next meeting. It was noted that 100 copies of the draft had been available at the May Day celebrations.

6. TRAMPS

KG will be contacting Austwick shortly re the Miss Potter film, as per the previous minutes.

7. May Day stand

The May Day event had been very successful, drawing large numbers, some from far away. LoPRA's stand had been manned but drew little interest – understandably perhaps as the day was devoted to 'fun activities'. The draw made a surplus of about £25: some of the prizes are yet to be distributed. Two people joined the Association. It was suggested that at future events, a LoPRA stand could be used as an information point by other village organisations not otherwise represented at the event.

KMcB said he hoped the PC may have a tourist display board near the Green shortly, possibly combined with an additional bus shelter. Information on it could reflect various village activities and businesses. There was discussion on the subject.

8. Calendar competition

Discussion was held over until the next meeting.

9. Newsletter – possible amalgamation with Parish Magazine

RC reported that he had formally replied to HT-S as PCC Secretary. In summary, the PCC would be pleased to include short informal articles from LoPRA freely from time to time, in line with articles from other village organisations, subject to editing. Advertisements for TRAMPS and other village-wide activities could be placed in any issue.

10. Newsletter – next issue

In view of the above, it was agreed that LoPRA's newsletter should continue. It was felt this could be combined with the recruiting leaflet and be issued after the official position on the proposed detrunking the A65 was known. RC said he would ask Gail Cater, who organises the delivery of the Parish Magazine around the village, if her volunteers would be willing privately to deliver LoPRA's Newsletter along with the Magazines. Various articles for the next issue were discussed.

11. Church bells restoration - Wine & Cheese Evening

RC explained that the PCC had now decided to have a designated bells section of the church accounts, with this money being placed in the Parish Deposit Account with the Diocese. All money raised for the bells will be placed here. There was discussion concerning the return or alternative use of such money should the bells restoration project not take place.

GJ had approached Eldon House Hotel as a venue for a W&C Evening and had received supportive suggestions for seeking financial sponsorship. The PC is to be asked formally to support the event.

12. Any other business

There was discussion about a Community Heritage Project to complement an application by the PCC for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards restoration of the bells. The Project coordinators will shortly be formally asking LoPRA to support it. A response will allow LoPRA to raise the PCC's possible repayment of monies raised. It was reported that much heritage data already exists and the meeting supported a suggestion to mount an exhibition of this in the Autumn, possibly combined with a 'community heritage weekend'.

13. Date of next meeting

This was agreed for Thursday 14 June.