

# Long Preston Heritage Project



## Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009

<b>Present</b>	Keith McBride (Chair)	(KMcB)
	Gillian Jones (Secretary)	(GJ)
	Nita Dewar	(ND)
	James Finch	(JF)
	Kath Lord	(KL)
	Rachel Wilson	(RW)

### Item 1 Census of Traditional Farm Buildings

Don McLellan from the YDNP introduced the project to committee members. He explained that this project is more than just a count of traditional farm buildings and includes more than field barns.

The purpose of the project is to assess the condition of the buildings and to prepare a case for further funding to repair and protect them.

The scope of the project is to include both buildings in existing agricultural use (in whatever condition) and those that have been converted to other uses. In this latter case, Don advised taking external photos only.

The methodology is based on a photographic survey of each building and its place in the landscape together with the completion of a survey sheet that includes a plan of the building, internal measurements and a grid reference.

Don gave a powerpoint presentation to show an example of a recently surveyed barn. Features to look out for include forking holes and putlog holes, skelbuses and boskins (means of containing cattle stalls and standings).

The photos and forms will be forwarded to the YDNPA. A central moderator will undertake the interpretation of the building to ensure consistency with other parts of the Park.

The way that local volunteers acquire consent from owners to survey the inside of the barns will be of special interest to the YDNPA and will help to inform the survey in other parts of the Park.

**Item 2 Apologies:** Philip Johnston, Janet Benzie, John Sellers

### Item 3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May were agreed as a correct record.

### Item 4 Matters arising

RW provided a copy of the letter from HLF to the PCC confirming that the second tranche of the grant (amounting to 40%) had been paid.

### Item 5 Length of meetings

JF had requested that meetings should be shorter to enable committee members to finish by 9.30. There was a discussion about how all the business could be completed within 2 hours. It was **agreed** that meetings should commence at 7pm and aim to be finished by 9.30 at the latest.

## **Item 6 Correspondence**

Re the letter from the YDNPA inviting the LPHG to get involved in the Census of Traditional Farm Buildings (Item 1 refers). It was **agreed** that we should take part, that the whole of the township should be included and not just that section within the Park and that we should invite Don McLellan to speak at the AGM. It was further **agreed** that KL would put together some thoughts on how to take the project forward.

An email had been received from Angela Williamson, teacher at the school, re the availability of some work that had been carried out by the children on the Victorians. It was **agreed** that Angela should be asked to keep all the work, hopefully to form part of a bigger exhibition to be undertaken by the LPHG in 2010.

An enquiry had been received from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust re the possibility of the LPHG hosting a wildflower event as part of the Flowers of the Dales festival 2010. It was **agreed** that GJ would write to Edward Wilkinson asking if he could undertake an appropriate walk in June 2010.

## **Item 7 Treasurers Report**

GJ provided the following information on behalf on JB:

LPHG deposit a/c	£1000
LPHG current a/c	£1881.37
Cash in hand	3.61
Total	£2884.98

Takings on the door at the Railway Weekend had been £632.00; expenses had amounted to £83.32. The surplus (included in the above figures) was £548.68

**Agreed:** GJ to write to Jamie Guest to thank him for organising the model of Long Preston station. GJ was asked to check the procedure for the auditing of the accounts and their presentation to members at the AGM.

Re events budgets, it was **agreed** that a draft budget should be presented to the committee by any person planning to organise an event associated with the Heritage Project.

Re travelling expenses. GJ presented AA costs relating to petrol and tyres. There was a discussion re the other costs associated with motoring expenses. It was **agreed** that this item should be deferred to the next meeting.

## **Item 8 Archiving/indexing**

As JS was not present, it was **agreed** that this item should be deferred to the next meeting.

## **Item 9 Work programme and Events**

The work programme as set out in the agenda was **agreed**. KL will sort out the arrangements for the Venacular Buildings Day. A discussion on Church History will be left until the next meeting. It was also **agreed** that Gavin Dewar would be asked to investigate the costs of a microphone and hearing loop for the AGM.

## **Item 10 Publicity for the Heritage Project/ getting more people involved**

**Agreed:** that an Open Coffee Morning to publicise the LPHG's work be arranged for 3 October. GJ circulated a booklet with many short articles on Gairloch (in NW Scotland) as an idea of how we may be able to get people involved in "bite-sized" areas of work. It was **agreed** that the booklet would be circulated amongst committee members to look at before the next meeting.

## **Item 11 Publications**

It was **agreed** that the subject for the 2010 calendar would be celebrating 40 years of May Day in the village.

It was also agreed that we needed to have further copies of the walks leaflets professionally printed. We have sold between 80 and 100 and the work required to produce a set is becoming onerous. A quote has been received from Lamberts in settle and it was **agreed** that we should have 200 sets printed at a cost of £512. The sets would then be sold at £3 each.

### **Item 12 Dates for next 2 committee meetings**

22 September and 24 November, both meetings to commence at 7pm.

### **Item 13 AOB**

JF suggested we prepare a publication entitled “Curious facts and figures about Long Preston”. It was **agreed** that JF should take the lead on this.

KL asked if the LPHG would help to support the Weekend of May Day celebrations on 1/2 May 2010. **Agreed.**

RW asked if a committee member would report LPHG updates regularly to the new Parish Magazine production team. **Agreed:** GJ to be the contact.

### **Diary Dates**

22	Sept	Committee meeting
3	Oct	Open Coffee Morning
17	Oct	Venacular buildings training day
21	Oct	AGM
7	Nov	Stained Glass Talk
24	Nov	Committee meeting
25	Nov	Nursery Rhyme Talk



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