

Long Preston Heritage Project



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2009

Present	Keith McBride (Chair)	(KMcbB)
	Janet Benzie (Treasurer)	(JB)
	Gillian Jones (Secretary)	(GJ)
	Nita Dewar	(ND)
	James Finch	(JF)
	John Sellers	(JS)
	Rachel Wilson	(RW)
	Philip Johnston	(PJ)
	Kath Lord	(KL)

Item 1 Apologies: none

JF referred to the fact that the minutes of the November meeting (previously circulated) should have been an item on the agenda, together with matters arising. GJ agreed and assured members that they would be included on all future agendas.

Item 2 Correspondence

Letter from Robert and Jean Slater thanking the committee for their Life Membership of the LPHG and saying what pleasure it had given them.

Emails from Sue Mackay at the Folly giving info re the new exhibition to be launched at Easter and to notify the LPHG of a training day to be held at the Folly on 25 February, entitled Caring for old Documents and Photographs. **Agreed:** that the cost of tickets (£5 each) should be met from the HLF grant for any committee member who wished to attend. Any member interested to contact GJ who would make a block booking. Details also to be placed on the Long Preston website.

Email from Tony Stephens saying that, on behalf of the LPHG, he would like to persuade the NYCC archivist to make copies of the Parish Registers available to be used in the village. RW and PJ indicated that there are many records in the safe at St Mary's that may be part of what is needed for our research. **Agreed:** RW and ND will look at what is in the safe and make an inventory.

Information from the HLF re their agreement in principle to the LPHG becoming joint signatories to the grant. Committee members, whilst deciding this was a good way forward, would like further information on whether and how the grant would be transferred, arrangements for monitoring with the HLF and how the constitution may need to be amended. **Agreed:** that GJ would discuss these issues with Nick Rochford and also ask to see a copy of the letter of variation.

Email from the NCHT to ask if the LPHG would be happy to have an article in the 2009 Journal about their logo and the poem "The cat jumped over the moon". **Agreed:** yes.

Email from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust asking if they could talk to the LPHG re the Wet Grassland Project. **Agreed:** Dave Tayler to be invited to the next Update Meeting (see Item 12).

Item 3 Treasurers Report

JB advised that the LPHG has a balance of £1590.18 in the current a/c. The main contributors to this figure have been from publications (£1163.30), Victorian event surplus (£282.62) and walks and talks (£171). In addition there is £17 cash in hand. Approx. £700 needs to be “ringfenced” to pay for the costs of the 2009 calendar. **Agreed:** £1000 to be moved from the current a/c into the reserve a/c at Natwest.

JB also referred to the float of £500 that had been provided in December by the PCC out of the HLF grant for the Heritage Project. The cost of printing the 250 copies of the Walk Around Long Preston booklet at a cost of £233 had been met from this float, leaving £267.

Item 4 Feedback

Feedback from people who had attended the Victorian weekend was positive. As there are unsold calendars, 200 would probably be a more realistic number to order for 2009. More Xmas cards could have been sold. **Agreed:** Christmas events and publications to be considered by the committee after Easter.

Item 5 Archiving and Indexing

JS circulated a revised list of proposed indexing categories. **Agreed:** JS and ND to continue their work on developing the new system.

Item 6 Purchase of equipment

ND had erected one set of the newly purchased exhibition boards for members to see. All agreed the choice. At the next meeting consideration will be given to whether they should be available for other organisations to use and on what basis.

Gavin Dewar had submitted for the committee’s consideration, quotes for the purchase of an A4 colour printer and a laminator. **Agreed:** GD be asked to purchase a Canon iP4600 printer together with 2 sets of spare ink at a total cost of £166.08 and a GBC H315 laminator together with pouches at a total cost of £98.

JS raised the possibility of the LPHG buying and fixing a permanent screen in the Village hall to assist with film shows, plays etc. **Agreed:** JS to obtain costings.

Item 8 Existing publications (taken out of order)

The Walk around Long Preston booklet and the walks leaflets are available for purchase. **Agreed:** ND and GJ will approach both pubs, both shops and the B&Bs about having them for display/sale.

Items 7 & 9 Work programme and Events (taken together)

JS advised that the work of editing the 1977 Jubilee film and the 8mm film of Mr Bowman was underway. The proposed film show would last about 2 hours with an interval. He and Chris Moorby suggested changing the provisional dates that had been set. **Agreed:** that the film show be re-booked for the evening of Friday 27 March and the afternoon of Sunday 29 March. ND to ask Peter Scott-Smith re the use of his projector.

A walk around Long Preston has been organised on 30 April for the U3A and on 22 July for the NCHT. It is hoped that refreshments can be provided on both occasions.

RW advised that she is working with Jackie Hunt to arrange a talk on stained glass, to be followed by a workshop.

KMcB and JB advised that several members of the LPHG are to visit the Model Railway Exhibition this month in Harrogate with a view to trying to organise a railway exhibition in Long Preston in July 2009 to celebrate 160 years of the opening of the railway.

Item 10 Publicity for the Heritage Project and events

JB advised that in the Craven Herald of 16th January there had been an offer of publicity in the Events Programme. **Agreed:** GJ to investigate.

Item 11 Dates for next 2 committee meetings

Agreed: 24 March (KL gave her apologies)
19 May

Item 12 AOB

RW updated members on the tree work in the churchyard and advised that some of the trees need attention.

ND passed round an 1859 bound copy of the Long Preston Parish Magazines that had been donated by Bill Mitchell to the LPHG.

It was **agreed** that the next Update meeting will be held on Thursday 26 February commencing at 8pm and that Dave Tayler from the YDMT be invited to address the meeting. RW will publicise it in the February edition of the Parish Magazine.

Diary Dates

20	Feb	7.30pm	Long Preston Deeps at Hellifield Station
25	Feb	2.0pm	Conserving old documents – training session at the Folly
26	Feb	8.0pm	Update meeting and address by Dave Tayler
24	March	7.30pm	Committee meeting
27	March	7.30 pm	Film show of old Long Preston
29	March	2.0pm	Film show of old Long Preston
30	April	1.45pm	Walk around LP (for the U3A Old Buildings Group)
19	May	7.30pm	Committee meeting
22	May	7.30pm	Talk by Tony Stephens
22	July	7.0pm	Walk around LP (for the NCHT)



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