

Long Preston Heritage Project



Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2009

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| 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) |

Item 1 Apologies: Kath Lord

Item 2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January were agreed as a correct record.

Item 3 Matters arising

JF asked what progress had been made on indexing the historical records in the church safe. RW and ND advised that they now know there is a continuous record for the Parish registers from around the 1530s, held either in Long Preston or Northallerton. ND is to liaise with Northallerton re access to their records. Progress with other documents is being made.

Item 4 Correspondence

GJ had made an enquiry in February of the Parish Council re the possibility of a full boundary walk to celebrate Rogation Sunday in May this year. KMcbB advised that the PC was not happy to support that length of the walk that followed the River Ribble. They would however support the shorter route that was undertaken in 2008. **Agreed:** that LPHG would like to help organise the full boundary walk for Rogation Sunday in May 2010; given the commitments already entered into for events between March and July this year there was no capacity for organising another event in May. KMcbB to report back to the PC.

A reply had been received from the Parochial Church Council re the question of LPHG becoming joint signatories to the HLF grant. In response to the specific question as to whether the PCC would be willing to transfer the remaining HLF grant to the LPHG bank account for them to administer directly, the PCC had advised that they did not wish to do this. Rather they would wish to see the existing arrangements continue. **Agreed:** Committee members saw no point in taking joint legal responsibility for delivering the history element of the project if they could not have the grant in their own bank account, once the bells element was completed. GJ to contact the PCC and ask them to reconsider the issue of transferring the remaining funds.

Item 5 Treasurers Report

JB provided the following information:

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| LPHG deposit a/c | £1000 |
| LPHG current a/c | £465.18 |
| Cash in hand | 62.50 |
| Total | £1527.68 |

Amount remaining from HLF float of £500 is £217

Item 6 Archiving/indexing

JS reported on the archiving talk held at the Folly; acid-free storage is important and this could be quite costly. The indexing group is still developing suitable categories. More work will be undertaken after the film shows.

Item 7 Purchase of equipment

The new screen has been purchased and fitted by local builder, Alan Metcalfe. It will therefore be available for the film shows. A lead and remote control for the video projector have also been purchased at an additional cost of £50 to make public showings of films easier and safer. It was agreed that the screen will be a very useful additional facility for all users of the village hall.

Item 8 Work programme and Events

Film Shows: the technical side is on course. A question was raised re the whereabouts of the photos of Long Preston, taken in 1977 by Richard Phillips. (Richard Phillips had also produced the Jubilee Film). **Agreed:** GJ to speak to John Miller re their ownership/location.

Railway Exhibition: the layout for the model of the station has been agreed. There will be 4 operatives, 2 of whom will stay overnight in a local B&B. The main costs associated with the exhibition are: B&B at the Post Office, hire of the village hall (6 sessions £90) and the transport costs for the model (£150-£200).

Stained glass talk/workshops: both are being planned for September/October. There is difficulty in finding suitable premises for the workshop because of the dangers of shards of glass. It was suggested that John Cressey's barn may be suitable. **Agreed:** GJ to speak to John Cressey.

Item 9 Publicity for the Heritage Project and events

Agreed: we need to get widespread publicity for the Railway Exhibition, including TV coverage if possible. ND and KMcB will undertake this.

Item 10 Dates for next 2 committee meetings

Agreed: 19 May
14 July (when it was agreed future publications would be looked at)

Item 11 AOB

None

Diary Dates

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| 19 | May | 7.30pm | Committee meeting |
| 22 | May | 7.30pm | Talk by Tony Stephens |
| 30 | May | | Concert at St Mary's |
| 4/5 | July | | Railway Exhibition |
| 22 | July | 7.0pm | Walk around LP (for the NCHT) |



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