PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Preston**

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**MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING**

held on Friday, 5 February 2021 at 2.30 pm

via ZOOM

**In Attendance:** Tony Warren (Chairman), Alan Stone, Julie Tomblin, Dr Andrea Pellegram and Caroline Braidwood (Parish Clerk)

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| **1.** | **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**  Sue Cameron (Personal) and Regine Freyne (Personal) |
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| **2.** | **Declarations of Interests** |
|  | * Amendments to any Forms Already Filed - None |
|  | * Items on the Agenda - None |
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| **3.** | **Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 January 2021**  The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman |
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| **4.** | **Matters Arising** - None |
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| **5.** | **Finance Statement – Attached -** Noted |
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| **6.** | **Examiner’s Response to the Steering Groups Comments and Determine the Way Forward**  The Committee considered the Examiner’s second response and was disappointed that the Examiner had not taken on board many of the issues raised by the Steering Group. Consequently, the Group would need to consider how to take the Plan forward and meet the requirement of CDC and the Examiner whilst still preserving the Group’s initial aims and the community’s wishes. It was agreed, in any event, that having come this far and having spent a considerable amount of Parish Council and Locality grant funding doing so, it would be impossible to do nothing. It was unanimously agreed that:   * The Chairman would go through the Plan and incorporate the Examiner’s and CDC’s comments into the amendments, where possible. * The Clerk would contact Portus and Whitton regarding removal of a paragraph on Page 51 of the LCA and a sentence on P53. * The Group would request a meeting with CDC Planners to discuss the amendments. It is hoped that the amendments would be accepted and allow moving on to the next stage.   It was further agreed that members of the Group would take the Plan forward themselves. Dr Pellegram was thanked for all her work in developing the Plan so far and it was hoped that she could now be relieved of her commitment. She confirmed that her final invoice had been submitted to the Council for payment. |
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| **7.** | **Any Other Business** - None |
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| **8.** | **Date of Next Meeting -** To be advised |

**The meeting closed at 15.30 am.**