PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Preston**

**NDP**

**MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING**

held on Thursday, 13 January 2021 at 9 am

via ZOOM

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

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| **1.** | **Apologies and Reasons for Absence** - None |
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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 6 August 2020 and 6 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.** | **Response to the Examiner’s Fact Check Report** |
|  | Response by Dr Pellegram, Response from Portus & Whitton, Comments from the Chairman and Comments from Alan Stone |
|  | The response and comments documents (as attached) were circulated.  Dr Pellegram advised that the Examiner is supposed to give the inspection a ‘light touch’ acknowledging that the Plan in not prepared by professionals. Ideally she would like another Examiner to see the Landscape Policy. Mr Stone observed that the Examiner dampens down the Village Design Statement and goes against CDC Policy.  It was agreed to submit Dr Pellegram’s response after minor corrections and renaming the landscape policy – Preston Landscape Zones or similar.  The Chairman questioned whether comments such as ‘severe’ and ‘flawed’ might alienate ?  It was further agreed to ask CDC for their comments. |
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| **6.** | **Any Other Business** - None |
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| **7.** | **Date of Next Meeting** – To Be Advised |

**The meeting closed at 10.30 am.**