



COMMUNITY TEAM MEETING

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 at the Club Inn

Present: Julia Smithers, Glenn Smithers, Fred Jones, Martin Smith, , Peter Watson, Ceri Watson, Susan Bramwell, Liz Laidlaw , David Boxford, Caroline Sanderson , John Sanderson.

Apologies: John Lyons, Helen Morton, Lindsay Snell, Brian Snell, Joanne Jones, Ann Parks, Marylyn Roscoe, Mel CP Lofty.

1. Meeting Timetable - Glenn

It was decided that in future the group would meet bi-monthly - unless there was an urgent action required by the Group. Members will liaise via email as required

2. Preston Richard (B4PR) High Speed Fibre update - Glenn

Over 50 people attended the open meeting at the village hall and another one is planned for June 3rd. Preston Richard (B4RNPR) has its own website <http://www.b4rnpr.org/>. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the volunteer vacancy notice . Volunteers and financial investment are crucial to its success. At the moment Glenn is walking the routes and talking to landowners re Wayleave agreements.

3. Orton Village Trip June 6th - Jo

The plan is to leave Endmoor mid morning ,sharing cars as needed, visit the site and enjoy a pub lunch. Jo has a definite 4 so far - any others who are free that date and would like to join the group should contact Jo as soon as possible.

4. Special Interest verges - Jo

Following discussions at recent CP meetings it was agreed that Jo would contact the clerk of Preston Richard explaining our proposed projects, to outline our aims and to see how any PC approved work may be carried out alongside other bodies where possible.

Joanne was not able to attend the meeting but has drafted a letter with photographs to send to PC before next week's council meeting.

5. Balsam Bash - Mel

Mel has retired from the group due to his personal situation . He has not been able to do anything on Balsam Bash this year including contacting Alan Wilson, the Rivers & Canal Trust, neighbouring parishes or landowners. No-one else felt able to take on the commitment for this year as

time is passing. Peter raised the issue of permission from landowners to gain access to the balsam. Much of it is on Wilson's land and needs to be tackled up stream if it is to be effective. Members wondered if Mel had any notes and contact details which the Group could use. Julia agreed to email Mel .

6. Village Entrance - David

The blacksmith is ready to start work but the County Council contact has not responded to emails or phone calls so the pre-visit consultation has not taken place.

ACTION - David will try to make contact as soon as possible so the project can move forward.

7. AOB

Julia raised the need to consider organisation required for Christmas Carol Singing event and the Christmas tree. Martin has already organised a tree and the brass band has been booked. Susan will organise tea and coffee. Our community choir will sing, but our conductor Emily will not be able to attend and John will also be away. We need to decide which charity will benefit from the collection.

John has a source of native primroses which could be planted in blocks under trees along grass verges . Volunteers will be needed to plant them in suitable locations.

John raised the possibility of obtaining grants from the National Park Authority for planting native 'Wordsworth' daffodils , but we may be required to dig up the daffodils we planted which are not native varieties. Cross pollination is a big issue

Next meeting to be held Monday 1st July at 7.15pm in the Club Inn



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NO digging involved, NO previous experience necessary and full training will be provided.

The Circuit Champion tasks would include,

- Visit each property on their route and establish if residents would like,
 1. connection.
 2. connection and subscribe to the service once connected.
 3. connection and subscribe to the service once their contract with an existing service provider expires.
- Check if they have registered their Expression of Interest. If they have not, offer to help them do so.
- Check to see if the owner would like to invest in the community project and if they understand how they can do this but do NOT offer any financial advice.
- Review route in/across their curtilage and where they would like to enter the property and desired location of the Router.
- Identify any potential obstacles or areas in their property the owners wish to avoid.
- Identify any wayleaves required and draw up the necessary plans.
- Where necessary, explain how important it is they grant a wayleave agreement even if they don't wish to be connected.
- Establish if the owner,
 1. would like to help in any way with the project in their local area.
 2. may require assistance in laying conduit across their curtilage to their property.
- The Circuit Champion should share resources, ideas and solutions with their peers (Champions and Coordinators).
- Provide the Sub-Route Coordinator with regular updates on the Circuit status including:-
 - Details of any route changes
 - Wayleaves required
 - Wayleaves approved
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 - Properties wishing to invest in B4RN
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