

Parish Paper Committee Meeting held 5th March 2009
At Stormorage Cottage, Colestocks

Present:

Chairman:	Constance Hiller	Betty Johns
Editor:	Sue Derbyshire	Di Somers
Distribution:	Mary Whiting	Stephanie Houghton

Apologies: Babs Leach and Liz Capel (Treasurer)

Minutes: of the last meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

- It was agreed that the envelopes and requests for donations last year had been successful.
- Sue reported that she was still very rarely given material from the school; everyone felt people would like to see more about the school and pictures, poems etc from the children. Stephanie offered to make sure someone would liaise with the school on a regular basis to keep in touch with the magazine – possibly Ceri Deane or anyone she may suggest, otherwise Stephanie was happy to do it herself if necessary.

Action: Stephanie

Editor's Report:

Sue reported that there were no particular problems, although people had to get used to some items being a month late as they took place after 20th of the month (e.g. Mothers' Union and the Coffee Morning). She was very pleased to have Emma Hewardine as Deputy Editor as she was happy to edit the magazine if Sue was unable to for some reason. Emma had also taken on the advertising for the paper.

Accounts: Due to an error one line had been missed out. The correct accounts are:

<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Shop Box	£30.46	Feniton Duplication	£1,580.00
Shop Lottery	£45.00	Misc	£14.24
Donations*	£421.50		
Advertising	£1,024.00		
	£1,520.96		£1,594.24
Credits	£1,520.96		
Less Debits	£1,594.24		
=	- £73.28		
B'fwd	£888.60		
	£815.32	as statement	

* Envelopes produced £330 of this sum

It was agreed that Sue should put a large notice reminding people that the paper continuously needed voluntary contributions and suggest they do this annually. Also Emma to be asked to consider increasing the cost of advertising if she thought it would not affect the number of adverts. Finally Sue agreed to ask the pub for a donation since they often had extra adverts about various events as well as their paid adverts in the centre pages.

Action: Sue, Emma

Parish Paper – format, contents etc:

It was felt that the current format worked well and while acknowledging there could be a lot of adverts when "one off" ones were included in the editorial, it was hoped that a balance could be maintained. As well as the attempts to get more from the

school, Betty agreed to ask the Sec. of the Church Parochial Council to provide more information about church activities. There was some discussion about whether more or less material should be included from Feniton, Escot, Plymtree etc and again it was thought a balance should be the aim.

Action: Betty

Committee:

Constance said that she now wanted to leave the committee for good and it was agreed that Sue should take over as Chairman. Everyone else was happy to keep their roles, but it is hoped whoever takes on the co-ordination with the school might be prepared to join the committee. Emma would be invited to join as Deputy Editor and there was a possibility of holding some meetings in the evening as she works full time, depending on what current members thought. Sue would write up the minutes and present a report for the Parish Annual Meeting on 18th March.

Action: Sue

Distribution: Mary reported that the shop often had 9 copies left after everyone had received theirs, so it was agreed to she should ask Val to print 10 copies less.

Action: Mary

Any other business: With a view to varying the content of the magazine, Betty agreed to ask some of the Feniton people who were currently attending Payhembury Church if they would be interested in writing something about their experiences – the church flooding, visiting Payhembury Church etc. Also Sue to put a notice in the paper asking people what they would like to see in future issues.

Action: Betty, Sue

Everyone was thanked for their continued work for the Parish Paper and Constance, in particular, was thanked for her 12 years of support for the magazine – 8 of which she was the Editor.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12pm.