

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 18th Mar at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson	<i>Chairman</i>
Andy Joel	<i>Secretary</i>
John Farnden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carl Bowden	Tom Springett
Dave Pallant	

1. Apologies for absence

Andy Postlethwaite.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks. It was decided this would be discharged as there was clearly going to be no progress. [*Secretary's note:* The follow day the bank got in contact with the treasure to progress it.]
- Updating the notice board was further discussed, and is on-going.
- It was noted that the club rooms look much better after a tidy. Painting of some walls was discussed, as was carpeting. Carpeting would be best done when the new N gauge layout is moved,
- Three of the four vacuum cleaners have been disposed of, and a new, more powerful one, purchase. Discharged.
- The disposal of a OO layout in Fulwood has been completed, and the gentleman involved was pleased with the results. Thanks to JW, TS and Bill for the effort involved on the hottest day of the year so far. Items are being valued and made available for club members to purchase.
- The desired alteration to the web site have been made. DP noted that some old pages are accessible that should not be. **Action:** AKJ.
- It was noted that a man had visited from the landlord with respect to the water ingress. It is unclear if any action has been taken, though no further ingress has been observed.

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- Recent expenditure is £75 for AGM room hire; £93 new vacuum cleaner; £117 fire extinguishers; £75 quarterly electricity.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- Two new member applications were accepted. It was noted that the application from the previous meeting has been withdrawn, citing transport and financial reasons.

8. Future programme

- None

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing in the work room; currently sorting points.
- Coniston (new OO gauge layout by Wednesday afternoon crew) – awaiting space in the backroom.

10. Exhibition

- Nothing to note.

11. Any other business

- It was noted that Tom has updated the COSHH assessments. No solvents in large volumes to be on site except on a single session and single use basis. The committee thanks Tom for the work.

12. Date of the next meeting

22/Jul/24 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm