

Priest Hutton Parish Meeting Highlights

At Priest Hutton Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 18th September, several presentations were made.

The Chairman of Priest Hutton Flood Action Group (PHFLAG), Steve Le Cheminant, gave an update on the work achieved and planned.

The grids on Upp Hall Lane have been serviced by Highways and the area around cleared of undergrowth and debris. Highways have also cleared the section of the beck from the edge of Upp Hall farm's field to the trash screen. It is expected that the rest of the beck, from Beech House down to this, will be cleared in the next few weeks.

Following on from this, a request will be made for owners of gardens bordering the beck to ensure that trees, shrubs and debris do not encroach on it.

A study is to be undertaken by the LCC's consultants with the assistance of Priest Hutton Parish. This is to determine the causes of flooding throughout the village and assess what needs to be done to ameliorate it. Once more is known about consultants' plans to tackle this study, information will be disseminated to villagers.

Steve is making a collection of photos and video footage to be use in the study. Villagers were asked to pass anything they have on to him, preferably labelled and dated.

Treasurer of PHFLAG, Ken Dunn, gave details of the cost of the study and said that this would be jointly funded by Priest Hutton Parish and LCC. Priest Hutton Parish will pay half and LCC half, plus they will commit to any works recommended by the study. In order to fund this study PHFLAG came up with a plan to use Parish funds. This will involve using present reserves and raising the precept in the year 2019/2020. *This proposal was unanimously approved by the meeting.* In the meantime, Ken will continue to try to fund raise for this purpose.

Vice-Chair of PHFLAG, Tony Johns, gave a report on a Flood Resilience Course – Action for Sustainability – which he had recently attended. This course gave good advice on how to protect your home from flood damage and how to make repairs after flooding. Handouts were given to all villagers present.

Copies of the PHFLAG Constitution were available to villagers to take away.

It has been confirmed that road signs will be placed on Whitebeck Lane, Kirkgate, Upp Hall Lane, Borwick Lane and Back Lane. This is good news as we have been informed that “blue light services” use the names of roads to locate properties. Villagers were also pleased to hear that the white lines on Borwick Lane, Upp Hall Lane and Whitebeck Lane are to be refreshed and that here is a new, much improved system for reporting faults called “Report It”.

Under any other business concerns were raised about speeding in the village, irregular post deliveries and fly tipping.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome.

Jean Johns (Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting)