CLERK’S REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING AGM

TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2020

As a group in January we take a little time out to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This is a good thing – it focusses the mind and encourages those of us who do the major roles to evaluate how effective we have been.

I have now completed 2 years as Parish Clerk and again I look back with pride at what we have achieved.

It is with sadness that I recollect the loss of Tony Sunderland and Roger Mace.

It is also with surprise and sadness that I heard of the death of Mary Wilson of 3 Hutton View. Mary has lived in Priest Hutton for many years and has kept horses on some land up Back Lane. May she R.I.P

**Achievements during the year 2019** – you will notice that there is always a “but” at the end of each statement.

1. The work at **Hutton View** has been completed (apart from a small section outside no 4)
2. **Road signs** – most have been supplied and fitted (apart from several still not appeared)
3. **The hedge** on Whitebeck Lane belonging to Roger Mason was cut – very badly - to improve vision for drivers and cyclists. We have no way of ensuring that this work is to be done on a regular basis.
4. Investigation into what is happening at the **Barn** on the Burton Road has taken place and the City Council are happy with the result.
5. The **telephone box** has been made into a “Wet Weather Hub” for school children ie. a place to store umbrellas and hang wet coats during the day but sadly 2 umbrellas have gone missing from there.
6. **White lines** have been refreshed throughout the village but we await road markings outside Gatelands House, opposite the Longlands, where lines are needed to show which vehicle has right of way.
7. We have had 2 very successful community events – **a Litter Pick** and a session of **Dredging the Beck.**
8. The installation of the **War Memorial** was an extra special event to which we contributed both financially and in several other ways. I saw villagers here that Sunday afternoon that I have never seen here before and it was a credit to those involved.
9. By far our greatest achievement continues to be the work of the **PRIEST HUTTON FLOOD** **ACTION GROUP.** In this we have invested time, effort and money and I look forward to be able to report great results in the near future.
10. Our **County Officer C.C. Phillippa Williamson** continues to fight our corner at County and local level and in this respect we are very fortunate.

**New Things for the year 2020**

 1. **Cherry Trees Project**

 2. Re-siting of **3 benches** around the village,

Special thanks go to Martin, our Chair. He is always there when needed, with tractor or digger or whatever. He has a great wealth of knowledge about the area and if he doesn’t know “he knows a man who does”!

Thank you also to everyone in Priest Hutton for all your support and efforts.

The Parish Meeting can only exist with the support of you, our members and simply by coming to our meetings and being part of the debate is what makes this group a success.

*Jean Johns - Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish – 21st January 2020*