**Priest Hutton Parish Meeting**

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**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21st 2020**

**in Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, after the AGM**

1. ***Apologies for absence:- 6 - Edwina Shuttleworth, Edward Shuttleworth, CC Michael Mumford, Joan Simcock, Sue Tatham, Anne-Marie Le Cheminant.***

***People present:- 14 - Jean & Tony Johns, Martin Shuttleworth, Phil Horsfield, Steve Le Cheminant, Diane Sunderland, Lesley Southwart, Jean Gudgeon, Ken Dunn, Kath Moffatt, Peter Simcock, Myles Tatham, Leigh Astin, CC Phillippa Williamson. A warm welcome was extended to Leigh Astin who has just moved into Low Greenlands Farm, Priest Hutton.***

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting of 17th September 2019**

**Proposed as a true record by Ken Dunn and seconded by Diane Sunderland.**

1. **Matters Arising – not on the Agenda**

**The cats are doing very well and have been seen around the village by many villagers**

1. **Chairman’s Report – The Chairman informed us that he had kept the Parish Land tidy and removed one bench from the land and was in the process of cleaning it. He has also cut the hedges bordering Whitebeck Lane.**
2. **Clerk’s Correspondence**

**White lines – the white lines referred to are the ones outside the Longlands Pub. These were first reported on 7.01.2019 and have been re-reported several times since. No action.\*\*action JJ**

**Road Signage - still no road signs on Kellet Lane. The top of Whitebeck Lane coming into the village looks good – railings painted, no “half an oilrigg”, Roger’s pavement etc. Big improvement.**

**Hedge Cutting – This is an ongoing matter which I feel unable to resolve. The attitude of the farmer, Roger Mason, is such that I feel that this item should be handed over to higher authority.**

**Telephone Box – Has been well received as a place to leave wet weather stuff. The telephone box will need painting next year.**

**6. Treasurer’s Report including the setting of the Parish Precept for 20/21**

**The Treasurer gave a very comprehensive report showing the closing balance at 21 January 2020 to be £2,281.78. It was agreed to maintain the Parish Precept at £3,000 for the coming year.**

**A £500 donation was made towards the Church re-modelling fund.**

**7. Memorial Garden**

**JJ said that she was disappointed that the installation of our War Memorial did not get coverage in the press. It was agreed that at the correct time, JJ would send in a brief report and photograph to the press (via Hilary) and see what happens.\*\*action - JJ**

**8) PHFLAG**

**SleC said that the latest meeting with officers had been postponed owing to the fact that Jacobs have not yet completed their report. Tony Johns then gave details of the force of the flood that occurred in late September 2019.**

**9) Litter Pick**

**It was agreed that we did not need a Litter Pick this year but that we should try to progress the making of a footpath down the side of Low Greenlands Farm. A lot of litter gathers along that stretch of road and this would enable it to be picked safely.\*\* action - JJ**

**10) Planning Applications**

**No new applications. The only one outstanding is for Beckside Cottage (small estension and diversion of the culvert). This is currently on hold because of the position of the culvert,)**

**Leigh Astin gave us advanced notice about his forthcoming plans for the remodelling of Low Geenlands Farm.**

**11) Nature Reserve**

**Ken gave details of where he and Tony would recommend siting the 3 benches currently in the Nature Reserves.**

1. **Roger’s Pavement.**
2. **By the Telephone Box.**
3. **At the entrance to Kirkgate.**

**Everyone agreed that these places would be very suitable. \*\*action KD,TJ & MS**

**12) Neighbourhood Watch (TJ)**

**There have been two incidents reported in Priest Hutton; the theft of a tractor and items stolen from storage units by the canal near Lock House. The stolen tractor was found in the Bolton-Le-Sands area and has been recovered. The Police have made two arrests and there is a third suspect being sought. All three suspects are from the Bolton area and have been staying in Morecambe and targeting rural farms and villages.**

**There have been recent thefts of farm machinery, vehicles and plant, particularly quad bikes. In addition, two Land Rovers were taken from farms in Silverdale and Capernwray, which were recovered following a pursuit by Officers.  Some of the vehicles were stolen with keys and during the day. Police also believe the individuals**

**involved in these thefts were responsible for stealing a motorbike which was recovered in Warton.**

**There have also been reports of deer poaching by dogs in the Silverdale and Arnside areas.**

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**13) Road Closures**

**CC P Williamson sent us information that part of North Road would be closed during half-term ie Feb 14th -21st for re=surfacing. This is the bottom section of the road running by Christ Church and North Road Schools .**

**14) Gritting**

**Winter Stakeholder Bulletins are sent to us regularly on line. These show that the main road through Priest Hutton ie Borwick Lane and Whitebeck Lane is always gritted, as it is the only route through the village.**

**14) Recycling**

**Turning Wheelie bins into benches and picnic tables – a poster has been received describing this process. The items produced are very strong and heavy and ideal for areas where stealing is a problem. Prices are not cheap, beginning at £255.**

**The recycling of pots, tubs and trays is now allowed.**

**15) Cherry Trees (KD)** **\*\*action KD**

**Ken explained that the Sakura Cherry Tree project is an initiative of the Japan-British Society, whereby, as a gesture of friendship between the two countries, Japanese business will donate over 1000 trees to selected sites across the UK over the course of 2020 and 2021.**

**Priest Hutton Parish Meeting gave its unanimous approval to our application to participate in the scheme and also its approval to establish the trees on our Parish lands on Whitebeck Lane. This will be a long term project, but**

**we hope that we, and many others, will be able to enjoy the springtime blossom a few years from now.**

**16) A.O.B.**

**None.**

**17) Date and time of the next meeting**

**Tuesday, May 19th 2010 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.**

 ***Jean Johns - Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish – 02.02.2020***