**Priest Hutton Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, May 28th 2019, 7.30pm in Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall**

Priest Hutton Parish Meeting were pleased to welcome their newly elected member of Lancaster City Council, Councillor Michael Mumford. He briefly addressed the meeting and chatted informally with villagers.

**The Clerk’s report** included many items of interest plus information about the new opening hours of Carnforth Household Waste Recycling Centre and the Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Carnforth.

Some white lines in the village have been refreshed, the hedge along the top end of Whitebeck Lane and the A6070 has been cut and road signs are to be installed. The telephone box has been equipped with 4 large umbrellas for children to use to keep themselves dry whilst waiting for the school bus. Feedback from a parent was very positive.

**The Treasurer,** Phil Horsfield, presented a very comprehensive report on our finances. The closing balance

at 31.03.2019 was £2747.76. The Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 was completed, approved and signed by the officers of the Parish Meeting.

**The Priest Hutton Flood Action Group** have been busy and, joined by 12 other villagers, spent a morning clearing some of the beck of overhanging branches and debris. Coffee and biscuits were provided by Kath Moffatt. An update on progress was given by the Chairman, Steve Le Cheminant.We are now awaiting dates for a survey to begin and this will done by the Manchester firm, Jacobs. Excellent news is that work on improving the drainage at Hutton View, Upp Hall Lane is due to start soon.

**Planning Application**

One planning application has been received from Mr T Askew at Keer Side, Keer Holme Lane, Starricks. This is to convert a barn into a 3 bedroomed house. There were no objections to this.

**First Responders**

Eric Rooney explained that the First Responders is a Charity that operates only with trained volunteers.

Currently Eric is the only trained volunteer in Borwick & Priest Hutton. There were 146 call outs in 2018 in Burton, Holme, Borwick & Priest Hutton. Eric was called out 15 times. This year he has been out 8 times so far.

Eric spoke about the nature of the work, which is dealing with life threatening matters and many issues concerning older people. We have Defibrillators in both villages and these are regularly serviced and checked by Steve Le Cheminantand Dave Scott.

**Emergency Response**

The Emergency Response Plan, which has been put together by Eric Rooney, Keith Brady, Clare Helme and Dave Scott is now complete and has been signed off by Mark Bartlett (Civil Contingencies Officer, Lancaster CC).

Mark attended a short meeting on Saturday 1st June with the CEPG & Priest Hutton FLAG members to mark

the handover. He also presented the group with a Kiddie Care Pack to be held at the Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, which is fully equipped as a Community Emergency Centre.

**War Memorial**

The Memorial Hall Committee have proposed that a War Memorial should be erected in the car park at the end nearest to St Mary’s Church. Harry Clarke has sourced a limestone gatepost and Natasha Robson has taken responsibility for the Memorial Plaque which will be fixed to the stone. Diane Sunderland appealed for help in designing a suitable small garden around the stone. It is expected that the project will be completed by November 11th 2019 when the stone will be blessed by the Rev Robin Figg.

The meeting ended at 9.05 when everyone enjoyed a chat over a glass of wine and nibbles.

**The date of the next Parish Meeting will be September 17th, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

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