Priest Hutton Parish Meeting

Chairman Clerk to the Parish Meeting

Mr N.D. Adams Mrs D.M. Adams

Bank House, Priest Hutton Bank House, Priest Hutton

Minutes of the Priest Hutton Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30pm in Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall

1. Apologies for absence: - 8 - Mrs Phillipa Williamson, Mrs Lesley Fairclough, Mr Graham Brady, Mrs Kate Brady, Mr E Rooney, Mrs Sue Taylor, Mr Ian Smith, Mrs Christine Higginbotham

People present: - 14 – Mr Richard Spencer, Mr Martin Shuttleworth, Mr Edward Shuttleworth, Mrs Jean Gudgeon, Mrs Lesley Southwart, Mrs June Prew, Mr Tony Johns, Mrs Jean Johns, Mrs Kath Moffatt, Mr Andrew Stoyle, Mrs Analise Stoyle, , Mr Phil Horsfield Mr Nigel Adams and Diane Adams.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking those present for their attendance.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th October were made available to all those present.

2 amendments were requested, one relating to the discussion around the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit through the village.

Secondly Kath Moffatt noted that the minutes did not include reference to comments she made to the previous meeting which related to her own planning application, specifically an application made in April 2021 for the reduction in size to two trees, in her garden. Kath provided paperwork to the chair which showed planning permission had been properly sought and granted. Kath further asked that this point be recorded in the minutes, as she understood there is no official requirement for parish clerks to display planning applications on village notice boards, although it may be best practice to do so.

\*\* The October 2021 minutes have been amended\*\*

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes were proposed to be a true record by Jean Gudgeon and seconded by Martin Shuttleworth. Everyone in favour.

It was also agreed that the minutes of previous meetings should be emailed to all those present, prior to subsequent meetings.

1. Matters arising.

Kath Moffatt mentioned that she had twice reported to LCC, blockages to the trash screen which had resulted in a positive outcome.

1. Chairmans Report

Nigel urged all those present to report any highway maintenance issues, using the LCC Report It web link, and a printout was provided to the meeting on how to do this on LCC.gov.

Planning applications – Nigel informed the meeting that he had received planning application notifications relating to Bankfield House **21/01337/LB** (windows, listed building.), as well as The Green 21/01324/FUL (partial conversion of Barn and construction of canopy to rear elevation).

Nigel also reported that he had received a copy of an application for a ‘definitive map modification order addition of a bridal way from Priest Hutton 20 to Cinderbarrow Lane Priest Hutton. He explained that this related to the recognition of an old bridle path between Greenland’s Farm and Cinderbarrow Lane to the rear of Buckstone House. He made the correspondence available to the meeting, which invited any comments or objections.

Nigel updated the meeting on a conversation he had had with a representative of the NFU. The conversation centred around the relationship between landowners and residents of a rural village. This included such areas as cutting hedges etc.

Nigel confirmed he would speak with individual landowners during the coming months to gain an understanding of what their plans and policies were in relation to the cutting of hedges.

Nigel confirmed he was meeting with Roger Mason within the next few days.

Nigel has provided his personal contact details to LCC so that whenever possible he could be contacted in advance of any forthcoming road closures, as had happened a few weeks earlier. This would enable him to inform residents of any road closures, unless they were for emergency repairs when it is unlikely that there would be any notice given.

Clerks report

Diane mentioned she had spoken at length with LCC about several Highway’s problems in the village:-

* Pot Holes – LCC are aware of the condition of the roads here in Priest Hutton, they felt pot holes may not have been repaired individually as it could be that a large road area needed resurfacing, which would fall in to the next financial year.
* Road Markings outside Longlands – The authority confirmed this was initially reported in January 2019, the report would be **escalated,** and hopefully attended to a.s.a.p.
* Sign Repair – The road sign at the top of Whitebeck Lane would be repaired sometime in April 2022.

Painting of the Telephone Box – It was felt that the quotation received was too expensive.

Litter Pick – The date for this will be 19 March 2022, commencing at 10.30 am from the Village Green

Diane mentioned the difficulty of parking around the village green, due to workmen’s vehicles, and visitors which had been commented on by several residents.

1. Matters Arising from the Clerks Report

Kath Moffatt mentioned the recent difficulty her family had had getting in and out of their own drive.

There were no other matters arising.

1. First Responders

As Eric Rooney was unable to attend the meeting, Nigel distributed a letter from him which explained the functions of the Priest Hutton First Responders Group and he encouraged more villagers to become involved with this Group.

Nigel expressed the importance of the Groups work and sighted a personal experience where invaluable assistance was given to his mother-in-law.

1. Treasurers Report

Phil distributed the receipts and payments account for the period ending 1st February 2022. This showed total expenditure to date of £1,485.00 which was very close to both the budget and the amount spent in the same period last year. The reserves currently stand at £5180.00

There were a few outstanding amounts to be paid. – The Christmas Tree had cost £236.48 (most of this was for equipment which can be used in future years).

Phil mentioned that the Clerks honorarium of £100 is to be paid in March.

1. Matters Arising from the Treasurer’s Report

There were no matters arising.

1. Update of the work of PHLAG

Tony Johns updated the meeting with the work of PHLAG.

Tony referred to the installation of new gullies on Upp Hall Lane. Further work would be carried out soon, possibly in April, to enlarge the gullies on the upper part of Upp Hall Lane.

Favourable comments on the work carried out so far were given by Diane Sunderland, Kath Moffatt, and Andy Stoyle, all of whom expressed their sincere thanks for all Tony’s work in relation to PHLAG.

1. Village Hall Update

Ken Dunn informed the meeting that the Village Hall roof, although only guaranteed for 15 years when installed, had lasted over 30 years! but is now due for replacement. This work will commence on Tuesday 7th June 2022, and will take approximately 5-7 weeks to complete, during which time the hall will obviously close. It is expected to re-open mid to late July 2022.

The work is expected to cost around £60,000 but grants and funding from reserves are available to meet this cost. Both Priest Hutton and Borwick Parishes are contributing £1,000 each. Ken also updated the meeting about the Parish Land.

1. Neighbourhood Watch Update

Tony Johns had nothing to report.

It was commented upon that the cars doing donuts on the village hall car park had returned.

1. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Nigel asked the meeting for their thoughts for how this occasion should be celebrated in the village.

It was noted there is to be a Beacon lit on Thursday evening and the annual village BBQ will be held on Saturday, and a combined luncheon between Borwick and Priest Hutton had been proposed for the Sunday.

1. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

1. Date and time of next meeting

Nigel proposed the next meeting be held at 7.30 p.m. on 17th May 2022 which would then be followed by a short AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.