**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 23rd October, 6.00pm – St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms**

 **Present Apologies**

Peter Robinson (Chair) Paul Hurst Jim Savage Mary Carroll

Father Paul Johnstone (President) Sean Close Barry Close

Helen McCrory Gillian Finlinson (Secretary)

**1) Meeting opened meeting with a prayer.**

**2)** **Apologies see above.**

**3) Minutes of last meeting.**

Minutes were approved.

**4) Matters arising.**

Church signage is progressing; the signs have been powder coated and we are just waiting for an installation date. The Get Connected project is going to be running some courses for older people in the community that wish to get online. The courses will be run by adult education tutors. The youth group although got off to a slow start is continuing and more young people have attended. The Parish Council response has been passed onto the Cleator Moor Town Fund Team.

**5) Chairman’s Report.**

Currently we have a dispute with our neighbour regarding Japanese Knotweed. We hope this will be resolved as soon as possible. There will be a Remembrance Service live streamed from St Marys on Remembrance Sunday afternoon. We will also be responding to a request from the organisers of the podcasts through Cleator Moor Born and Bred and suggesting our favourite carols. St Patricks School will also be involved with this. St Josephs at Frizington will be involved too and recommend that John Savage speak on their behalf. Benedict Robinson will be asked on behalf of St Mary’s. We need to consider Christmas and our celebrations this year. Using Facebook and doing something during advent and possibly organising an outside event. This will be considered further at our next meeting. We would like to thank Kath Kershaw for her work on the New Beginnings Retreat.

**6) 150th Anniversary.**

It was agreed that we would set up a specific committee to discuss future plans for the 150th Anniversary.

It was noted that at St Josephs they are taking temperatures of Parishioners as they enter church. The response to this as been positive, nobody as refused to have their temperature taken.

**7) Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 25th November

**10) Meeting closed with a prayer.**

**“Christ is life, we exist to bring His life to our part of God’s creation”**