Long Preston Parish Emergency plan A prepared parish is a safer parish!

When an emergency occurs, the emergency services prioritise those in greatest need, especially if life is in danger. As such the villagers need to rely on their own resources to minimise the impact of an emergency until the emergency services can reach us.

Emergencies come in many forms, from small domestic ones through to widespread flooding, loss of power or major road, rail or aircraft related incidents, all of which may require early assistance possibly followed by the need for temporary shelter.

Having an emergency plan and being prepared for such events helps us to cope better from the outset and our local knowledge and information can be of considerable use to the emergency services during the incident.

The parish council has a plan in place, so in the event of an emergency parish councillors can activate the plan and utilise local volunteers and resources to support vulnerable people and those at risk and liaise with emergency crews.

If necessary the village hall can be opened for use as a rendezvous point for the emergency services, information point for villagers and for temporary shelter.

In the event of an emergency the following action should be taken:

Ring 999, unless you are absolutely certain someone else has already done so. Follow the emergency services instructions.

Contact: Emergency plan lead Paul Morley 07738 698195 840065 Emergency plan deputy councillor Katy Attewell 07952 554321

Provide details of any vulnerable people who could be affected by the emergency.

Being prepared can reduce the impact an event has on our community.