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23rd March 1953

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the Institute on the above date pursuant to notice at 8 p.m.

The Minutes of the last Annual assembly were read & confirmed.

Election of Chairman

The Chairman requested, as it was his intention to resign the office, to postpone the election until he had dealt with the other items in the previous minutes & in the agenda.

Electricity

The Chairman reported that he had telephoned in view of the present meeting to Mr Shepherd the head of a huge electricity district running from near Lancaster north to the border & including Penrith.

Mr Shepherd produced the plans of Kentmere furnished to him some years ago by the local electricity Co at Carnforth shewing a proposed line from the Diatomite Works to Kentmere village,

He said he would instruct his engineers within the next month or two to examine the route and cost of a further Kentmere line & report as to cost & whether the work could be undertaken. He handed over forms showing (1) 11 valleys being considered & (2) particulars as to capital expenditure.

Kentmere Rd

Parishioners complained of bad potholes & that while the local roads were now in good condition the main road to Staveley required attention.

Public Footpaths & Rights of Way

The Chairman stated that he had received the Draft Survey of the Rights of Way Map for the parish together with statement. These are to be kept for inspection by those interested until the 30th April next.

He thought it would be a good idea to summon a special Assembly so that any landowner or other interested party might lodge an objection if so desired before the end of the month.

Resignation of Chairman

The Chairman stated that he thought it better to resign his position chiefly because the questions & problems likely to arise in the near future were such as should be tackled by a younger man. He was in his 79th year. Civil Defence including such subjects at ARP work, First Aid, Home Guard, Evacuation, Special Constables

were certain to arise in the following months. His memory was not good & worry was bad for his health.

After discussion & expressions of thanks to the retiring Chairman it was proposed by Mr Wrathall & seconded by Mrs Thompson that Mr R. Pighills be appointed Chairman for the coming year, & it was proposed by Mrs Williams, seconded by Mrs Thompson that Mr A.M. Robinson be appointed Vice Chairman. These appointments were carried unanimously.

R Pighills, Chairman