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24th March 1955

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

The Minutes of the last Annual Assembly were read and, subject to a minor correction, approved.

It was proposed by Mrs Williams and seconded by Mr Marshall that the present Chairman, Mr R. Pighills should continue to hold office for the ensuing year.

Kentmere road: the Chairman stated that resurfacing of the road from Ullthwaite to Crosshowe was expected to be completed during 1955. The Meeting agreed that the signpost near the Church should be refixed, if possible in a less exposed position, and that a "Slow – Major Road Ahead" sign was needed in Low Field Gate near the junction with Crosshowe, to make clear which road is the principal road. The opinion was expressed that gutters in Low Field Gate and Hellwell Lane required attention and that snow clearance should include Hellwell Lane and Gravenegate.

Kentmere Mountain Rescue Search Team: the Chairman stated that he was continuing to deal with correspondence pending the appointment of a leader. The need for additional team members was stressed. The team had been alerted and eventually called once since the previous Parish Meeting, though a search had been called off before the team had got far on their way.

Smoke Pollution: the Chairman described the meeting held at the Cape Asbestos works during the previous autumn. Present had been the Medical Officer of Health for Westmorland, the Sanitary Inspector, Mr Ball, the chief engineer of the Cape Asbestos Co. Ltd., a representative of Glaxo Ltd., the local manager of Cape Asbestos and the Chairman of the Parish. After considering all the facts and the complaints made the M.O.H. expressed the view that since the alleged nuisance was intermittent and since there was no real evidence of injury to health, compulsion would be difficult to attain. For their part the Cape Asbestos representatives promised to reduce the quantities of offending material in weather conditions when the smoke was most likely to cause offence. They stated that the use of the material was only necessary on account of the shortage of "earth" from their own pits caused by the wet season. In any event, they stated, the supply of the offending material from Glaxo was likely to be exhausted before long.

Electricity supply: the Chairman produced a letter from the North West Electricity Board in which it was stated that the supply to Kentmere was programmed for 1957/58.

The Minutes as approved : R. Pighills (Chairman)