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9th April 1979

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the Institute pursuant to notice on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT: Mrs Bialy, Mr Black, Mr Barkway, Mr Pighills, Mr Dobson, Mrs Driscoll, Mr & Mrs Reynolds, Mr J. Williams, Mrs J Williams (Chairman).
2. APOLOGIES: Mr & Mrs Bayes, Mr & Mrs Brownlow, Mrs Pighills.
3. MINUTES: of the meeting held 20. 3. 78 were read & approved. Proposed Mr Black, Seconded Mrs Bialy.
4. MATTERS ARISING: Request for road repairs had all been dealt with by the relevant Authority & a gate had been erected on the footbridge which had proved successful to date. The weight restriction was again discussed & the Chairman was instructed to write to ascertain the law regarding coaches in Kentmere, who permitted them to use the road and by what authority. Prop. Mr Barkway, seconded Mr Dobson.
5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mrs Williams said she was not prepared to offer herself for re-election as she was seldom in the valley and could not easily contact local authorities, etc. Mr Williams proposed that Mr Barkway be invited to the Chairmanship but Mr Barkway indicated that he could not take office, for personal reasons, for another six months. It was therefore agreed that Mrs Williams continue for 6 months when a Special Meeting should be called to elect a Chairman, Proposed Mr Black, Seconded Mr Pighills – agreed.
6. ROADS & FOOTPATHS: Mr Barkway and Mrs Driscoll complained that the snow had been cleared only once during the winter in the area of The Grove. 4 or 5 families had been snowbound. A snow clearing vehicle had, however, used Greenhead to turn & had broken a drain. Chairman instructed to write to Highways Department complaining & requesting that drain be repaired. Also constant water was running along the road by The Grove & this should be remedied. A large hole in Hellwell Lane also needed attention.
7. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting a letter from the District Council concerning the Review of Parishes and also a letter from the County Council regarding grants and loans – the latter to be referred to the Institute Management Committee.
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) *Mrs Driscoll asked that a letter of complaint be sent to the Blackburn Education Authority concerning the lack of supervision of young people visiting the cottage at the reservoir. Some youths from the cottage had recently broken into and stolen from The Grove and also stolen candles from the church. It was generally felt that this element was undesirable in the valley. It was agreed that a letter complaining of the nuisance should be sent to Blackburn Ed. Authority with copies to the landlords.*

(b) *Mr Barkway questioned the powers of the Parish Meeting & it was generally felt that there was insufficient representation. It was pointed out that there was a County Councillor & a District Councillor for the area and these could be approached at any time.*

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

J.O Williams 7/11/79