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26th March 1980

Minutes of the Annual general Meeting of the Kentmere Parish Meeting held in the Institute, Kentmere on Wednesday 26th March 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr J.H. Barkway (in the chair), Mr Bell, Mrs Bialy, Mr & Mrs Black, Mr Brownlow, Mr & Mrs Dawson, Mr I. Dickinson, Mr Reynolds, Mr Walker, Mr & Mrs Williams.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Barkway, Mr & Mrs Driscoll and Mr & Mrs Ruddick.

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Chairman and those present stood in silence in memory of Miss Gladys Barker.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 1979 were read, approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Williams seconded by Mrs Bialy and unanimously agreed.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Roads

The Council had been written to and the reply delayed because of the change of Chief Engineer. The main concern appeared to be the provision of a snowplough to be fitted to 'a local farmer's tractor. Mr Dickinson identified as being the farmer concerned said that after giving thought to the matter he felt it to be more trouble than it was worth and made the point that a '4 wheel drive' vehicle would be more appropriate.

However, there were no complaints about snow clearance this year, the point being made that the smaller vehicle in service was better for the minor lanes. There had been and would continue to be various correspondence about roads in need of attention.

3. Rates

As instructed by the previous meeting a letter & ballot paper had been sent to residents in the parish concerning the levy of 0.5p on the rates to cover disbursements and approved expenses incurred by the Executives of the Parish Meeting.

Response had been good with 22 replies received – 15 in favour, 7 against.

The evidence was clear that much as people disliked extra expense people were in favour.

On a motion proposed by Mr Brownlow that a 0.5p Parish Precept should be levied and seconded by Mrs Bialy the following result was declared – 9 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstaining.

The Chairman pointed out that it could not come into force until the financial year 1981/82 and also that it might not be necessary to levy a charge every year. Expenses this year were £10 for ballot expenses and £3.50 for Cumbria reconstruction plans. It was noted that the Institute whose expenses rose with the cost of living has received no payment from the Parish for the Hall

Mr Williams questioned the proposed water rate of 11p. If this had to be paid it was suggested that there should be attention given to land drainage to the river and that the Water Board should be asked to investigate this.

4. *Apparently a 4 year lease had been agreed between James Cropper & Co. and Lancashire Education rather than the request by L.E.A. for 7 years. Lancashire County Council had also requested a sight of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting. The Chairman had refused this as he felt minutes should not be discussed or shown to outside organisations and these particular minutes had not been ratified until tonight. All pressure has now been dropped.*
5. *The Chairman had obtained a copy of the ‘Joint Structure Plan for Cumbria’ at a cost of £3.50. He made a brief explanation. It was felt that the statement “major disturbance” should be explained.*
6. *Any Other Business*
 - 6.1 *A letter from Cumbria Council of Local Councils requiring a subscription should receive a negative reply.*
 - 6.2 *The Register of Electors was now available for inspection either at the Post Office or with the Parish Clerk.*
 - 6.3 *A letter from Voluntary Action Cumbria concerning rural public transport was read. It was agreed that there might be some possibility of combining the school bus with travel to work from Kentmere. Mr Reynolds suggested that co-operative transport between private individuals in the valley should be considered.*
 - 6.4 *Some disquiet was expressed by Mrs Williams concerning the number of tourists in the valley and the lack hygiene and pollution that was being caused by these people. The question was put “Do we require a public lavatory & who would service & clean it?” It was felt that a lavatory on a scale in proportion to the present situation would be acceptable.*

In the National Park plan, public car parking in Kentmere was mentioned and it was felt that organised parking would be preferable to the present haphazard parking. This matter to be investigated.

6.5 The Chairman brought the attention of the meeting to the fact that there appeared to be a strong possibility of the spoil heaps at the Quarry being removed for road improvements and this could, multiplied up, mean that up to 200 journeys a day could be made by lorries carrying the stone. Considerable concern was expressed by those present and it was agreed that the position should be thoroughly investigated.

7. Election of Chairman

Previously the Chairman of the Parish Meeting had been elected every three years but on reading the rule book Mr Barkway said this should be an annual event.

Mr Reynolds moved and Mrs Bialy seconded the proposition that Mr Barkway should be re-elected Chairman. The meeting agreed unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

J.H. Barkway

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