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19th May 1982

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting took place in the Institute at 7.30 on Wednesday 19th May 1982

Present: Mr J. Barkway (in the chair), Mrs Bialy, Mr & Mrs E. Black, Mrs R. Pighills, Mr I. Dickinson, Mr J. Walker, Mr & Mrs J. Williams.

Apologies: Mr R. Pighills, Mr & Mrs C. Bayes, Mrs Barkway

Statement: Before starting the meeting the Chairman apologised for his inability to call the meeting on March 26th. Personal commitment and misunderstanding delayed the meeting. It was suggested the meeting should be delayed until after 'lambing time' and accordingly the meeting was adjourned officially (consistent with the rules of Parish Meetings).

- 1.1 The Minutes of the last meeting held in the Institute on 25th March 1981 at 7.30 p.m. were read and unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed.*
- 2.1 Mr K. Dawson proposed that Mr J.H. Barkway should be elected Chairman for the coming year. Seconded by Mrs Bialy & agreed unanimously.*

Matters Arising

- 3.1 Rates. Despite the general agreement at the last meeting that the precept of 0.5p in the £ should carry through to 1982-83, the Chairman had omitted to enforce this clause, due to the imposition of the supplementary rate and the fact that there was a sufficient balance in the Bank to carry forward for another year.*
- 3.2 The rates for 1983-84 to be decided at a meeting held prior to the return demanded in November by S.L.D.C.*
- 4.1 It was decided to carry on with the affiliation to the Cumbria Association of Local Councils for one more year to note any benefit derived therefrom. The Chairman gave a brief resumé of his attendance at one meeting.*
- 5.1 In the matter of quarry waste being carried down the valley in large quantities, the Chairman and all were asked to keep a 'weather eye' open for any signs of development.*

- 6.1 *The matter of car parking & toilet provision at the Institute were taken separately.*
- 6.2 *As a result of the meeting with members of the Special Planning Board, the representative of the Institute Committee, the Parish Chairman and subsequently a resolution taken by the Institute Committee, it was agreed that there was no future in the development of the present toilets at the Institute and the matter should be dropped for the time being.*
- 6.3 *On the matter of car parking & congestion the Chairman had been asked by a previous meeting to meet officers of the Lake District planning board who had asked him to carry out a survey and supply with as much information as possible. This had been done with the help of other parishioners last summer. Mr A. Fishwick wrote to the Chairman presumably as the result of the survey, saying that it was the Board's intention to seek limited parking facilities, but the matter of congestion was one for the Highways to look into. After preliminary discussions with Mr Peters, a letter was received from the Bridgemaster Mr J. Davidson. Considerable discussion ensued in which the Chairman declared his personal interest in the constant summer (& winter holiday) congestion on the footpath and green adjoining Greenhead. The matter for parking was after exchanges of views left to be developed by the L.D.P. Board.*
- 6.4 *Mr Davidson's letter noted two problems which seemed to aggravate the problem.*
(1) visitors hoping to drive out of the valley to Longsleddale or Troutbeck
(2) visitors seeking to park beyond the Institute.
In his letter the Bridgemaster pointed out that although drivers have a legal right to go over Garburn or Sadgill, for the great majority Kentmere Valley is a cul-de-sac. This fact being indicated by the symbolic 'no through road' sign at Barley Bridge.
He made the following suggestions asking for Parish comment:
(1) That a sign should be affixed to the Institute wall or beyond and this sign should be a symbolic 'no through road' plus a 'no parking beyond this point' sign.
(2) That the former sign 'Troutbeck – not suitable for motor cars' should not be replaced and the new existing 'unsuitable for motors' sign should be removed.
(3) That the finger post at Cross Howe could be misleading and should be removed.
(4) That if the local Parish Meeting felt it necessary, there could be a single sign indicating 'Green Quarter' as the side road.

Again much discussion ensued and various personal opinions expressed and eventually Mrs E. Black made a proposal, seconded by Mr I. Dickinson and unanimously approved: "that the Chairman should write a letter to the Bridgmaster with the firm recommendations that:

- (1) The finger post at Cross Howe must stay. Local knowledge knows that it serves to direct people not only to the starting point of their walks but also it is a 'district known' signpost that can be used to direct people to Hallowbank, Overend, Brockstones etc., etc. To remove this sign would only lead to confusion not solve it.
- (2) That a sign should be erected before The Grove gateway using (a) a symbolic sign for 'no through road' plus the words 'unsuitable for cars'.
- (3) The Institute turned down the suggested sign attached to the building and all agreed that the present 'unsuitable for motors' sign should be removed.
- (4) The 'passing place' sign at Gravengate towards Brockstones should be removed.
- (5) That the sign at Barley Bridge denoting width & symbolic 'no through road' sign should be supplemented as before with the words 'Kentmere – no through road'."

7.1 That despite contact made a year ago and heated exchanges with the River Board, many words had been spoken but no action taken, Meanwhile the river had eroded much more land and the Chairman was asked to urge progress.

8.1 The Chairman reported the Wedding Celebrations which had seemed an outstanding success. He thanked the sub-committee for their generous & selfless help. The children, adults & and not-so-young had greatly enjoyed themselves.

Mrs Black held that it should not have been held on that day due to 'haymaking' responsibilities of the farmers. The Chairman explained as an appointed member of the committee the procedural methods of objection open to her.

Mrs Penny Williams proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped both by their services & presence to make it a Royal & pleasant occasion. Mrs Pighills seconded this proposition. Seven voted for the proposal and Mrs Black, Mr Black and Mr Dawson abstained.

8.2 The flag had been duly purchased at a price of £6.50.

9.1 The preliminary accounts of the Parish were approved subject to audit.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

Jeremy H. Barkway
25th May 1983