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Monday 9th April 1984

The Annual Assembly of the Kentmere Parish Meeting took place in Kentmere Institute at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 9th April 1984.

Present: Mr J. Barkway (in the chair), Mrs Barkway, Mrs Bialy, Mr & Mrs C. Black, Mr Brownlow, Mr K. Dawson, Mr I. Dickinson. Mrs Gregory, Mr & Mrs Pighills, Mr J. Walker, Mr & Mrs J. Williams and Mr M. & Mrs A. Williams.

Apologies: Mrs I. Dickinson, Mr Gregory, Mr A. Williams

Respects: Before proceeding with the meeting the Chairman invited those present to join in a few moments of silence in memory of Dot Nelson and Dennis Driscoll.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 1983 were read and duly signed having been unanimously agreed that they represented a true record of the Annual Meeting.

Election: Mr K. Dawson proposed that Mr J.H. Barkway should be re-elected Chairman for the coming year. The proposition was seconded by Mr R. Pighills and carried unanimously.

Matters arising:

1. Rates As agreed in the previous meeting no precept was made for the year 1984-85

2. Kentmere Road: The Chairman explained how he had reacted to various approaches which had been made to him which summarised, highlighted the increasing sense of danger felt by regular road users of the valley together with the notable increase in car parking. He read two letters he had written on the subject and explained the reactions he had obtained from (a) Mr McGrath the local manager of Cape Industries and (b) Inspector Wiseman the local Police Safety Officer. Much discussion, with as usual a wide variance of viewpoint, ensued and finally in response to a proposition put by Mrs J. Williams and seconded by Mr I. Dickinson it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be held at which the Safety Officer should be present to answer with specialist knowledge the varying questions arising. The Chairman undertook to invite him.

3. *Garburn Gate: Mr Dawson reported that it had not been repaired.*

4. *Dogs on Leash: Mr Barkway reported that as promised he had asked the Police to be vigilant.*

Accounts: *The draft accounts had been made and the current Bank balance was £46.37 at 30th April 1984. This amount did not include the year's secretarial and other expenses which would be carried forward to the following year.*

Any other business

1. *River: Repairs to the banks of the River Kent currently being undertaken were now said to be extensive and in correction of the faulty work carried out last year:- Progressing.*

2. *Road Improvement: Mr Mario had informed the Chairman that application had been made for the resurfacing part or whole of the Kentmere Road.*

3. *Snow clearance: It was agreed that the standard of clearance by the Authority was much lower than in previous years. Representation had been made to Mr Rowe the Area Engineer who had explained the new system of quotes from private enterprise, and who pointed out that Mr Leonard Mario was our new point of contact. It was agreed by all that the snow-ploughing done by Mr P. Dawson & Mr Barnes had not only been useful but had enabled people to get top the main road. Unanimous thanks were given. Mr Pighills raised a point in case of tree which had been severely damaged by grit being dumped over its root and trunk – noted.*

4. *Television reception: Mr J. Walker asked that enquiries should be made to examine methods to overcome the fact that 25 or over half the dwellings in Kentmere were without proper reception and when 405 lines were discontinued would be without any. The Chairman said he would get in touch with the appropriate authority and as necessary set up a committee to make plans and recommendations.*

5. *Cape Industries Ltd.: During discussion on a previous minute the question arose as to the actual style and type of work carried out by Cape Industries in the Kentmere Valley. It was agreed to establish the question as a separate agenda item. Further it was agreed that an enquiry should be made to the Company Secretary of Cape Industries and an assurance given that due to the presence of their (C.I.) Development Division, no*

toxic or corrosive waste or other matter was present or emitted into the atmosphere

Volunteer Transport: Mrs Barkway had been approached by a Mr Butler to enquire as to whether there were people either in need of a scheme for transport for those who had need to travel but couldn't, or people who would be prepared to drive at a fee of 10p per mile.

General discussion concluded that while the scheme should be borne in mind, the present structure of the population in relation to the needy was such that immediate care and transport facilities were available to all. Note was taken however of the important point such a service gave a needy person a sense of independence in the knowledge that it was not free.

Mr Butler would be informed.

Closure: There being no other business the meeting was closed.

*Jeremy H. Barkway
27 March 1985*