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The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the Institute on Tuesday 22.Nov.1988 at 8.35pm.

PRESENT

Mr J Barkway (in the Chair). Councillor Collins (in attendance) Mrs Pighills, Mr & Mrs N Pighills, Mr & Mrs Hayton, Mr & Mrs K Dawson, Mr & Mrs P Michell, Mr & Mrs Black, Mr & Mrs W Otty, Mrs Barkway, Mrs Bialy, Mrs Brownlow, Mrs S Raven, Mrs J Williams, Mrs Gregory, Mr I Dickinson, Mr P Dawson, Mr T Birkett, Mr J Walker.

APOLOGIES

Mr & Mrs A Williams, Mr C. Gregory, Mr J Williams. The Vicar.

RESPECTS

The Chairman asked all present to join him in a silent tribute to four Parishioners who had died since the last meeting, namely Mrs Evelyn Hayton, Mr Ronald Pighills, Mr Benny Dickinson and Mr William Potts.

The Chairman asked permission to record a minute to note the dedicated service given by Mr Pighills as Chairman of the Parish Meeting from 1954 to 1976, in addition to his other work for the community. This was agreed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There being no other nominations Mrs Bialy proposed and Mrs Brownlow seconded that Mr Barkway be re-elected as Chairman. This was carried unanimously. Mr Barkway explained the task was much more onerous than hitherto and that with his forthcoming retirement from his business, his successor should be sought. After discussion it was agreed that he should endeavour to nominate someone who would be willing either to train in the office of Vice Chairman or who would be prepared to be nominated as Chairman at the next Annual assembly to be held between March and June 1989.

MATTERS ARISING.

1. The inadequate sign at the bottom of the Garburn Pass had been reported to L.D.S.P.Board.
2. The Chairman reported that the Planning Board had been carrying out weekly surveys of traffic density and parking habits. They had stated that no attempt had been made to purchase, but that they were persuing planning applications for both sites (Half acre and Longhouses). The Chairman advised that at it was his duty to represent all Electors, Parishioners should keep their own council so that they may take what individual action they think fit.

This was not to say that The Parish Meeting could not take action. On matters of public interest it could be called to assemble and propositions put to reach a majority decision or to record a minority opinion. He would keep a watchful eye on developments.

3. The Chairman read the letter from Mr Peters of the Highways department and said he would keep in communication and seek a more positive answer. Councillor Collins agreed that the Highways department tended to take an independent line. Mr Hayton asked that the road was swept to avoid leaves causing winter flooding. Mrs Brownlow asked that not only should Grit be delivered but a Grit box be provided for Gravengate to stop it being washed away. Mrs Williams asked for a 'Passing Place' sign to be erected in Hellwell lane.

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

The accounts showing a credit balance in Lloyds Bank of £57.31 were presented and accepted. The Chairman felt that the costs of the triennial audit carried out by Price Waterhouse at £40.25 were unreasonable and that he had objected. Councillor Collins stated that the other Parishes felt the same. Mr Barkway said that due to this increased cost and the Chairmans expenses which would have to be levied at a full rate in future, there was a need to levy a precept on the

Rates in respect of the year 1988-1989.

Discussion ranged as to the size of the precept and the advisability of too stringent an amount in case an over limiting view was taken by the Authority upon the introduction of the Poll Tax. The point was also made by the Chairman that since the Institute was by Deed for the benefit of all the Parishioners of Kentmere, there could be a case for making a grant towards its much needed renovation.

Mr Hayton proposed that we should levy a 3p Precept in the interests of protecting ourselves financially Mr Otty seconded the proposition. There being no amendment a vote was taken and the proposition carried by a majority as follows:-

For	14	
Against		nil
Abstained	8	
Did not vote	1	
Ineligible	2	
Total	25	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman noted correspondence received and which was available for reference upon request.

The communications written and received on the matter of the Staveley Fire station possible closure were noted.

Mrs Black asked that it should be confirmed and signalled to the Planning Board that there is a Footpath from the field in Hellwell lane through the yard of Low Fold farm.

Councillor Collins was invited to raise points concerning the Parish. He noted the following:-

1. As Parish Boundaries were coming up for review within the next two years, Parishioners ought to be giving thought to the matter now, for example it might be

thought right to include Millrigg Farm. Mrs Black disagreed with any such move and noted the natural boundary of Boundary Beck.

2. He announced the impending opening of the Staveley Bypass and the opening ceremonies were noted. Of more important concern was the provision of access from Staveley to the Pass at either end. It seems the provision of 'hatched' road markings, were thought to be painfully inadequate and of great potential danger.

The Chairman agreed to write in the first place noting the concern expressed at this meeting.

It was also noted that the Secretary of State had refused signs pointing to Services obtainable in close proximity to the Pass.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Collins for attending and asked him if he would make proper representations to the Staveley Parish Council on the matter of constant and sometimes dangerous congestion in Silver Street.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50.p.m.

Jeremy H Barkway
28.11.89