

Minutes of the KENTMERE PARISH MEETING Thu 22 May 1997 at 730 p.m.

Present:

Mr W. Otty in the chair, Mr P. Dawson, Vice Chairman, Mrs J. Bialy, Mr M. Biden, Miss J. Colley, Mrs. A. Cummings, Mrs. J. Dawson, Mr. K. Dawson, Mr. C. Gregory, Mrs. S. Gregory, Mrs S. Hayton, Mrs C. Hevey, Mrs G. Michell, Mrs. J. Otty, Mrs J. Raven, Mr A. Williams, Mrs. A. Williams, Mr. J. Williams.

Apologies for absence: Cllr E. Acland, Cllr. S. Collins, Rev. G Watson, Mrs. H. Brownlow, Mrs R. Dawson, Mr. & Mrs. Barkway.

Congratulations: To Christine and Patrick Hevey on their marriage in Kentmere Church on 12 April.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 1996: These were read and Mrs Gregory proposed and Mrs Hayton seconded a motion to adopt them as a true record. The motion was approved without dissent.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Bus service. The Friends of the Lake District advise that the service will start on 24 May and will run until 28 September. Four times a day on Saturdays, Sunday and Bank Holidays. The Chairman agreed to ask whether the bus could turn in the Pound at the foot of Church Hill.

Car Parking. The Chairman reported the latest developments.

1. In view of the objection to the scheme by the owner of Capplerigg, the highway engineer decided to seek the backing of the County Highway Committee and asked her to state her objections.
2. The owner had then threatened legal action and approached the County Chief Executive.
3. The matter was referred to County legal services department for advice on the status of the land next to the wall opposite the Institute – whose ownership and whether “highway land”?
4. The Chairman had spoken to the lawyer handling the case, so far, saw no reason to question that it is highway land. The Capplerigg owner, Mrs. Cummings had not then produced evidence to support her claim.
5. County Councillor Acland was now involved, but had been unable to negotiate a solution.
6. All parties except Mrs. Cummings agree to accept the lawyer’s advice.

*Mrs Cummings claimed that the land belonged to Capplerigg and that the motion to approve the car parking scheme passed by the PM on 12 December 1995 was invalid.*

*Mr Biden suggested a further vote to confirm the Meeting's approval of the scheme, but it was agreed that it would be better to discuss the matter after the lawyers' decision, at a special meeting if necessary.*

*Kentmere reservoir.* *The Chairman had written to Mr Cropper to thank him for his company's completion of the repairs to the dam.*

*Other matters*

*The Highways Dept. agree that the white line at the foot of Lowfield Lane should be restored soon.*

*Mr. Hayton promises to remove the old silage bags near the fishery gate.*

*The Garburn and Style End tracks were again discussed. Their status (Bridleway and Byway open to all traffic) is unlikely to be changed unless much increased 4x4 traffic convinces the National Park to act.*

*The Green Path near Raw Cottage raised by Mrs. Cummings was designated a footpath 537016 in 1976. The fence across it includes a style and therefore complies.*

*Matters of pot-holes, blocked drains and gravel washing over the roads had been referred to the Highways Dept. and to the National Park Warden.*

*Hepworth's security light had been adjusted to general satisfaction.*

*Chairman's Report.*

*Parishioners were encouraged to make use of the extensive minutes, reports and information received by the Chairman.*

*An invitation to stand as a minor council's appointed governor of Staveley School did not attract any volunteer.*

*Area Action Plan: The Chairman's action was approved in informing the "Lake District Transport Strategy" that no such plan was desired for Kentmere beyond the completion of the car-parking scheme.*

*Current planning applications were described.*

*River Kent: The Vice Chairman stated that the Environment Agency had undertaken to make good the damage caused by the wash-out after heavy rain in February near the quarries.*

*The N.P. Ranger thanked everyone for the good response to her recent survey. She also invited suggestions for the future use of the old telephone exchange/rangers' hut.*

*Approval of Accounts.* *The accounts for 1996/7 were circulated. The largest item of expenditure was £52.64 for the 3 yearly audit last September which was referred to in the previous meeting.*

*Expenditure after closure of accounts of Cheque no. 7096 for £17.00 for Cumbria Association of Local Councils 1997/8 subscription was noted.*

*The Precept of £120.00 for 1997/8 had been received and a similar sum was suggested for next year 1998/9.*

*Mr. J. Williams proposed that the accounts, expenditure and precept should be approved, seconded by Mr. K. Dawson. The motion was carried without dissent.*

*Election of Officers.* *The Chairman and Vice Chairman offered themselves for re-election and were duly elected un-opposed. However Mr. Otty stated that he had only changed his original intention to serve for two years at the most in order to see the parking proposals through to a hoped-for conclusion. He would not be available after 1998. He suggested that parishioners should think about an informal list of those who might consider taking their turns at serving for a two year period each.*

*Any Other Business.*

*Mrs Hevey asked the Chairman to write to Norweb about the inadequate supply of Electricity to the Institute and possibly the rest of Kentmere.*

*Mrs Cummings suggested a traditional red telephone box would be more appropriate next to the Institute. This received general support.*

*Mr. A. Williams asked who owned the new hedge near Millriggs which might restrict visibility if not trimmed. It was thought to be the property of Mr. Harrison of Boundary Beck.*

*Several speakers asked that B.T. should be asked to account for the long delay in restoring service to some of the telephone lines damaged by the recent lightning strike. The Chairman undertook to write to B.T., Norweb and the Highways dept.*

*The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.*

*W. Otty Chairman*

*25 November '97*