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Minutes of the Kentmere Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 1997 in the Institute at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. Otty in the chair, Mr. P. Dawson, Vice-chairman, Mrs J. Bialy, Mrs. C. Black, Mrs. A. Cummings, Mrs J. Dawson, Mr. K. Dawson, Mrs. R. Dawson, Mr. C.H. Fry, Mr. C. Gregory, Mrs. S. Gregory, Mrs S. Hayton, Mrs C. Hevey, Mrs. J. Otty, Mr. N. Pighills, Mrs. J. Raven, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. C.E. Black,

Observers: Councillor S. Collins, Rev. G. Watson, Mrs A. Harrison, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. D. Woodbridge, Miss S. Thompson (LDNP Ranger), Mr. Wilson (LARA), Mr Williams (Westmorland Motor Club)

Apology for absence: Mrs. H. Brownlow.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 1997: These were read. Mrs Cummings, referring to car-parking, asked that the word "illegal" attributed to her should read "invalid". After this had been agreed Mr. Gregory proposed and Mrs Hayton seconded a motion to approve the minutes and this was adopted without dissent.

Matter arising from the minutes:

Bus Service: The request that the bus should turn at the foot of church hill was still being processed. Mrs Cummings said that this lengthy process had not, apparently, been used before the service started, to approve turning in the Capplerigg entrance. Plans for the service in 1998 were not known.

River wash-out: The vice-chairman explained the Environment Agency works where the wash-out occurred near the reservoir. A pond had been made as a gravel trap, but this had already filled and 2500 tonnes had been removed. Mrs Cummings wondered whether this had affected the water table on the valley floor.

Norweb: The chairman had had a visit from Mr Wood, a Norweb planning engineer, who inspected the circuits in the Institute and the surrounding area. A seven day voltage record taken in the summer at the Institute had shown acceptable voltage throughout, although Mr Wood agreed that a record subject to winter load might be more relevant and promised to arrange this. If an increased power supply is needed at the Institute, Norweb will make a charge. The Rev. Watson said that the church would shortly need a new heating system and might need more power.

B.T. BT regretted that no traditional red telephone boxes were available. BT maintain that the modern box is, apart from the colour, altogether more satisfactory with respect to ventilation, cleanliness and access.

*The Chairman had been visited by the BT Area Field Manager Engineering who readily accepted that the time taken to repair the lightning strike damage in May was excessive. However, the damage was very serious, and a long piece of cable had to be replaced. Damage occurred down the valley as far the Staveley exchange. The fault reporting system was to be altered to highlight the occurrence of more than one fault in the same area. BT's best advice to computer owners was to unplug their telephone connections when thunder was heard or forecast.*

Highways: *A number of potholes had been repaired and the white line repainted at the foot of Lowfield Lane.*

Any other business: *Mrs Cummings was concerned that Kentmere was not to have a traffic management plan. The Chairman explained that the meeting had agreed that it was not necessary.*

*W. Otty Chairman  
12 May '97*

Continuing the Minutes of the Kentmere Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25 Nov '97 at the Kentmere Institute

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 Sept 1997: *These were read and Mr. K. Dawson proposed, seconded by Mrs. C. Black, that they should be approved as a true record of the meeting. The motion was approved without dissent.*

Matters arising from the minutes:

Car Parking: *The Chairman had written to the County Council traffic engineer so that the results of our meeting could be conveyed to the South Lakeland Area Committee at its September meeting. The Committee decided to defer any action until Cllr. Acland had made one more attempt to negotiate a compromise with Mrs Cummings. His efforts not meeting with success, the Committee is to consider the scheme on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Any action recommended would be considered by the Economy and Environment Committee which might take some time.*

*Mrs Cummings thought it a disgrace that the Parish Meeting ever voted on the scheme.*

*Mr. J. Williams asked why the Police no parking cones had been removed. The Chairman explained that they are only authorised for temporary use and thought their removal had been ordered by higher Police authority.*

*Councillor Collins explained the law on parking on highways: there is no right to park, but it may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.*

Any other business:

*Planning applications for a High Bridge House conservatory and fishermen's shelter had been received and were available for inspection.*

*The S.L.D.C. have established a register of Millennium events and have asked us to consider what we might do. It was suggested we might obtain a flag and pole.*

*Councillor Collins pointed out that there were grants available for business development, but it was important to apply soon.*

*Mrs Black asked if the neighbourhood forum, which has money in hand, would be willing to contribute to the running costs of the TV scheme. The Chairman understood that grants were only given for capital spending.*

*Mr Fry expressed concern about the rising levels of traffic using the valley road. He mentioned the size of vehicles, noise and the danger from wildly driven mountain bikes.*

*Mr A. Williams raised the matter of a Traffic Management Initiative. The Chairman referred him to the previous answer given in discussion of the 22 May 1997 PM minutes.*

*Mrs Hayton asked if the County Council could be asked to sweep dead leaves off the road.*

*Finances There had been no expenditure other than the Chairman's expenses which would be submitted for approval at the Spring meeting. As approved at the 22 May PM the Chairman had requested a Parish Precept of £120, which is an average of between £2 and £3 per dwelling.*

*The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.*

*W. Otty Chairman  
12 May '97*

*The Parish Meeting was followed by the Annual Meeting of the Kentmere Institute and then by an address by Sue Thompson the LDNP Ranger, about the use of by-ways and bridleways by wheeled vehicles. She was assisted by Mr Wilson of the Local Access and Recreation Association, an umbrella body for motor and motorcycle clubs.*

*After discussing the result of her survey of residents and visitors, which showed a wide resistance to the use of wheeled vehicles on un-surfaced roads, she explained that the present policy of the LDNP is to try to achieve a disciplined use of these public routes by negotiation. This seems to be mirrored by LARA, who have agreed a voluntary code of use which they hope will preserve their right of access. Concern was expressed that non-members might ignore the code, as has been seen by motorcyclists recently attempting the Kentmere Horseshoe. It was explained that any attempt to deny access would involve expensive and time-consuming Parliamentary action.*