

Minutes of the Kentmere Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2002

Present: N D Pighills, Chairman, S. Johnston, Vice Chair, Iain Johnston Mr and Mrs A. Williams, Rev. Geoff Watson, Mr & Mrs C. Gregory, Mr & Mrs W. Otty, Sara Callater, Christine Boot, Mr & Mrs M. Biden, Mr & Mrs H. Fry, Barry Drinkwater, Annis Cummings, Francesca Cummings, Ivan Dickinson, Stephen Dickinson, Hannah Dickinson, Margaret Harrison, Jackie Raven, Christine Hevey, Andrea Hills, Mr & Mrs D. Bridge, Maureen Baldwin.

Apologies: received from Mr S. Raven, Dr & Mrs W Malone, Mrs A Steel??, Mrs H. Brownlow, Mr J Stilling, Ms H. Connerr, Mrs C Black, Mr & Mrs H Knowles.

Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2001

The Minutes were read and Christine Hevey proposed and Hilary Fry seconded the motion that they be approved. Carried unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Chris Baines from Capita D&L had met with Nicholas Pighills and Iain Johnston. The proposed plan seemed acceptable with slight modifications so that lorries could negotiate the corner below the Churchyard wall. Mr Baines insisted upon a road width of 4 metres and 4.5 metres on the sharp corner. A subsequent letter from Nick Raymond of Cumbria C.C. said that the road could be re-aligned to conform with the plan

The chairman had received from Richard Claydon of Cumbria C.C. a copy of the Deed of Transfer of the Head?? Of 1850 indicating the lines of the walls. The plan is not drawn accurately enough to take measurements from, but it shows that the gate into 'Low Close' as the Cappelrigg field was then called, was further across towards the present Institute and that the wall would have to have been set back to form the entrance when the Cappelrigg drive was made. The Chairman feels that the planned alteration is a fair compromise. Neither Institute land nor Cappelrigg land is lost. The chairman expressed his regret, on behalf of the Parish Meeting, that this issue has caused much distress to Mrs Cummings over the past years and his hope that we are close to an amicable solution.

Road Condition

The chairman had talked to Chris Baines on the subject. Some serious work is currently going on in the valley on drains. Snow clearing: Green Quarter and Hallow Bank Quarter still not being ploughed. Mr Andrew Williams, our highwayman, requested a representative of each quarter to report road condition to him. Appointed were: Christine Booth – Crag Quarter, Christine Hevey – Green Quarter & Nicholas Pighills – Hallow Bank Quarter.

Foot and Mouth Disease

*The outbreak is now over. The Parish has contributed to the rebuilding of Barry Drinkwater's tractor, for which he had written a letter of thanks. There is now only a small amount of money left in the fund.*

#### *Footpath Opposite the Institute*

*This was subject to a Modification Order. Any representations, based on evidence, were to be made to the Rights of Way officer. There was some discussion. The chairman said that this footpath is not a matter for the Parish Meeting to vote on.*

#### *Map of the Parish Fields*

*The Chairman had done no further work on this. Mr Christopher Gregory said that he was willing to help.*

#### *Farm Plastic Waste*

*The Chairman had arranged for a collection on 26<sup>th</sup> June at Millriggs. It was suggested that we should try to arrange for the collection of plastic drums.*

#### *Jubilee Safari*

*This had been a great success with full participation from all quarter. A Committee was to be formed to arrange the Jubilee Games and Dance.*

#### *The Pound*

*A bench for the Pound had been funded by the Millenium Grant. There was discussion as to where it should be placed. No decision was taken.*

#### *The Audit Commission*

*The Chairman gave details of the amounts paid to the Audit Commission in recent years which amounted to a very large proportion of our Parish Precept. Even with the new "Lighter Touch" audit regime, the annual cost would be £50 with any extra work required being charged at £54 per hour.*

*The Chairman explained that, if we do not levy a precept and if the Parish Meeting has no transactions during the year, then the audit is free of charge. If the Parish needed money for a particular project then we could ask for donations from householders in the valley. The Chairman agreed to look into the "pros and cons" of this idea.*

#### *Election of Officers*

*Both officers will have stood for two years by the time of the next Annual Parish Meeting. Anyone wishing to propose alternative officers should notify Sandra Johnston before the November meeting.*

#### *Other Business*

- *A Sub-committee was appointed for the Jubilee Games and Dance.*
- *H. Fry requested sight of the Minutes within a few weeks of the meeting.*
- *Sara Callister warned about recent farm break-ins and thefts*
- *Mrs Cummings suggested that a sign was needed to direct minibuses up to the "Barracks" as some were going to the Nook and then having to turn.*

*The meeting closed at 8.45 pm*

*N D Pighills 9<sup>th</sup> December 2002*