

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Present Mr N. Pighills (chairman) Mrs S. Johnston (vice chair) Mr I. Johnston, Mr & Mrs C. Gregory, Mr & Mrs R. Courtier, Mr & Mrs T. Nuttall, Mrs Eve Pennell, Mrs Hazel Brownlow Mrs Maggie Biden, Mr & Mrs H. Fry, Mrs M. Baldwin, Mr J Stilling, Mr W. Otty, Mrs Margaret Harrison, Mr & Mrs D. Bridge, Mrs Jackie Raven, Mr & Mrs P. Bettess, Mr K. Talbot, Dr & Mrs W. Malone, Mrs Clara Black, Mrs Annis Cummings Miss Philippa Cummings, Mrs Christine Hevey, Sue Thompson (LDNPA) & Robert Wilson (Trail Riders Fellowship)

Trail Riders Fellowship

The order of the meeting's agenda was varied to enable Robert Wilson, an invited guest, to explain and answer questions concerning an application by the T.R.F. to have the Garburn Pass upgraded from a Bye-way to a Bye-way open to all traffic.

The chairman declared an interest for this agenda item and passed the chair to Mrs Sandra Johnston.

Apologies for Absence

Were received from Ms H. Connerr, Mrs Joy Otty Mr Max Biden, Mr Ivan Dickinson, Mr Jack Pennell and Mr Tim Sturgis.

Arrivals and Departures

The meeting stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect for Christopher Black (Topy) who was recently deceased.

Pete & Jackie Bettess and Jack and Eve Pennell were welcomed to the valley.

Minutes

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were read, Mrs Hazel Brownlow proposed their acceptance as a correct record. This was seconded by Mr Jim Stilling and carried.

Matters Arising from these Minutes

Black Beck Bridge

The Chairman had written to Cumbria C.C but had no reply. It was reported that the bridge did not seem to have deteriorated further.

Tetra Mast

There had been a response from the local government ombudsman which expressed the view that the LDNPA had acted reasonably and that the Kentmere parishioners had had too high expectations of them.

Planning Application at Quarry Cottage

*Copies of a further application were available for inspection. The chairman suggested that, since only fairly minor alterations were now proposed, it would be difficult to make a case for objection on planning grounds. It was decided to take no further action.*

#### *Financial Matters*

*The treasurer, Mr Iain Johnston presented balance sheets for the year 2004-2005.*

*Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr W. Otty, seconded by Mr R. Courtier and agreed.*

#### *Grants from the Parish Meeting*

*Negotiations with SLDC had resulted in a form of words for a resolution which, if approved by SLDC would give the Parish Meeting some freedom in making grants for local needs. The resolution was "That the Parish Meeting applies to SLDC for the D.C. to make an order under section 109 of the Local Government Act 1972 conferring on the Parish Meeting the power under section 137 to incur expenditure which, in the opinion of the Parish Meeting, is in the interests of and will direct benefit to the Parish, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants." This resolution was proposed by Mrs Judith Bridge, seconded by Mr Hilary Fry and agreed.*

#### *Precept for 2006*

*Mrs Christine Hevey proposed that a precept of £120 should be sought. Mr William Otty seconded this and it was agreed.*

#### *Affordable Housing*

*The chairman said that an affordable housing needs survey had been carried out for the Staveley area but that Kentmere had apparently not been included. Little interest was expressed in the provision of affordable housing in Kentmere.*

#### *Other Business*

*Judith Bridge reported on the upgrading of the T.V. system.*

*Hilary Fry reported highway matters.*

*Sue Thompson for LDNPA expressed the view that there had not been significant new problems arising from the implementation of the CROW Act.*

*Jim Stilling urged anyone wishing to join the First Responders to contact any of the team members.*

*The Meeting Closed at 8.53 pm*

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