

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th June 2008

Present Nicholas Pighills, chairman, Sandra Johnston, vice chair, Maureen Baldwin, Pete Bettess, Jackie Bettess, Max & Maggie Biden, Tricia Broomby, Hazel Brownlow, Helyn Connerr, Robert & Claire Courtier, Margaret Harrison, Hilary & Kathie Fry, Christine Haywood, Christine Hevey, Iain Johnston, Pat & Bill Malone, Jim Stilling, Jackie Strickland, Tim & Jean Sturgis, Andrew & Anne Williams.

People of Kentmere

The meeting recorded the birth of Olivia Walker to Ruth and Nick Walker in March. John Williams, formerly of Low Holme now lives in Appleshwaite Residential Care Home in Windermere, but had recently been in the valley to talk to the Industrial History Society at Steel Rigg quarry.

Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 12th December 2007 were read and accepted by the Meeting. Reports of the Ad Hoc meeting of 17th December 2007 and the Extraordinary Parish Meeting of 21st January 2008 were read and accepted as an accurate record by the Meeting.

Matters Arising

Himalayan Balsam

A letter received from Janet Antrobus thanked parishioners for their efforts to eradicate this invasive plant. Maggie Biden announced the dates of three more working parties around the mere.

First Aid Course

"Heart Start" had been attended by fifteen people on 9th February.

Kentmere First Responders

K.F.R. are now ready to commission a second equipment box at Hallow Bank. The group was sorry to lose Marie Corry who is moving away, but pleased to welcome Steve and Chris Haywood as trainees. There had been six call-outs since the start of the group – all had been attended. It was agreed by the Meeting to continue to support the £450 annual cost of pagers with a £50 donation from the Parish.

No Parking Signs

The Chairman had obtained these and installed them opposite the Church. They seemed to be proving effective and it was agreed that two more should be ordered.

Salt Bins

No further Salt bins had been provided

Condition of the Road

The deteriorating condition of Black Beck bridge had once more been reported to the Highways Authority. Potholes in the road from the top of Graven Gate to Brockstones had been reported a number of times.

Finance

Copies of the end of the year balance sheet were circulated and accepted by the Meeting. A precept of 170 for 2009/2010 was agreed by the Meeting.

Kentmere Hydro-Electric Scheme

Iain Johnston, Chairman of the Hydro Steering Group gave a comprehensive and up-to-date report on the scheme, explaining the tremendous amount of work that had been done and the valuable expertise and experience which had been pooled by the Group.

(A record of meetings held by the Steering Group, of decisions taken and progress being made, is held by Iain Johnston. This will in future become part of Parish Records. It is available for inspection by parishioners.)

Christine Hevey expressed the appreciation of the Parish for the great amount of work and progress made by the Steering Group.

Television Scheme

Max Biden reported that the scheme now has a Digital Licence.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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