

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 24th November 2008

Present Chairman N. Pighills, Vice Chair Mrs S. Johnston Mrs M Baldwin, Mr & Mrs P Bettess, Mr M. Booth, Mr & Mrs D. Bridge, Mrs J. Conner, Ms H Connerr, Mr & Mrs R. Courtier, Mr I Dickinson, Mr C H Fry, Mr & Mrs C Gregory, Mrs C Hevey, Mr & Mrs S. Haywood, Dr & Mrs W. Malone, Mr & Mrs R. Ridley, Mr J Stilling, Mrs J Strickland, Mr K Talbot, Mr & Mrs A Williams,

People of Kentmere

The meeting welcomed Keith and Jeannie Conner to Pumple Syke House and Oliver Waters and Carol Leahy and family to Beald Head, also recorded the safe arrival of Anna Hayton, second daughter to George and Sarah.

Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 9th June 2008 were read and accepted by the Meeting.

Matters Arising

Jim Stilling would be organizing another "Heart Start" programme in the Institute in February.

Parking

Two further "No Parking" signs would be set up opposite the church yard. There was much discussion of the continued problems associated with visitor parking – most recently at Low Bridge and Hollinrigg as well as at the usual "bottle necks". Christine Hevey said she was not prepared to open Half Acre field for parking until it could be opened all the year instead of the current 28 day limit. The chairman said that radical action would be needed to remedy the problem, since piecemeal parking restrictions merely pushed the problems elsewhere.

Highways

A new Highway Steward would be working on the valley roads for two weeks in the year. Requests for him to deal with problems should be made through Hilary Fry or the Chairman.

Freedom of Information Act

The meeting resolved to adopt the model scheme for the publication of relevant Parish Information, under the requirements of this legislation.

Finances

A precept of £170 had been received for 2008/99 and it was resolved that the Meeting should request the same amount for 2009/10. After a donation of £50 to the First Responders, £206 remained in the account.

Kentmere Hydro Project

On behalf of the Hydro Steering Committee, Iain Johnston reported on progress to date, confirming that the feasibility study was 75% complete. He commended his report to the Meeting with a vote of thanks for the Committees very considerable contribution of their time and expertise.

Correspondence

Notification had been received that LARA had appealed against the classification of the Garburn road as a bridleway.

A letter from the Land Registry had been received inviting Parishes to register parish land. Historically the Pound has been said to belong to the "Township of Kentmere" but it may be appropriate to look into registration as well as determining ownership of the lane and turning area immediately between the Pound and the road. (This may be particularly relevant in determining rights of access relating to the proposed Hydro Project)

Any Other Business

Ivan Dickinson and Jackie Strickland both reported instances of walkers straying from footpaths and leaving gates open. Mountain bikers had been using routes where they had no right of way. The chairman agreed to discuss these issues with the Park Authority. PCC secretary Claire Courtier reported that, since the graveyard has only one vacant space, the PCC were looking at the possibility of re-using old graves which were more than 100 years old and unmarked. It was proposed to use the small triangle of land to the North West of the Church for cremated remains.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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