

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2009

Present N. Pighills, chairman, S. Johnston vice-chair, Mrs M. Baldwin, Mr & Mrs P Bettess, Mr & Mrs M. Biden, Mr & Mrs T. Bolton, Mrs C Booth, Mr & Mrs D. Bridge, Mrs H Brownlow, Mr & Mrs R. Courtier, Mr & Mrs C H. Fry, Mr & Mrs C Gregory, Mr & Mrs A. Harrison, Mr E Harrison, Mr & Mrs S. Haywood Mrs C. Hevey, Mr & Mrs R. Hinchliffe, Mr I Johnston, Dr & Mrs W. Malone, Ms L. Nelson, Mrs C Nuttall, Mr & Mrs R. Ridley, Mrs J Strickland, Mr & Mrs A Williams, Mr S. Collins (county councillor)

People in Kentmere

The chairman welcomed Mr & Mrs T Bolton & Mr & Mrs P. Lansberry who have moved to High Holme and Middle Holme.

Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 24th November 2008 were read and were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Max Biden asked that the meeting consider whether it might wish to use a portion of the Precept to contribute to maintenance of the Graveyard.

Parking in the Valley

Additional No Parking signs had been handed to Christine Booth for fixing to the wall opposite the Church. Hilary Fry and the chairman had met with LDNPA planners and others to consider the parking issues. Jim Sharp had suggested that, since it is possible to use fields for car parking for 28 days per year, it may be possible to arrange a rota system to cover the busiest times throughout the year. Land to the north of the Hollingsworth and Vose mill was discussed as a potential car park.

Footpaths & Rights of Way

Garburn Road – it was reported that the Trail Riders Fellowship had lodged an objection to the LDNPA's order to make Garburn Pass into a "restricted byway".

There had been reports of trespassing by walkers and cyclists and the Chairman was to have a meeting with the N. P. Warden to discuss the possibility of better signage.

Financial Report

Iain Johnston presented the report listing income and expenditure. This was accepted by the Meeting.

Kentmere Hydro Scheme

Iain Johnston gave a visual presentation of progress so far. The chairman summarised the steps that had led up to the carrying out of the Feasibility Study which was now virtually completed. Max Biden explained that the Parish Meeting could not run the "trading arm" of the scheme. Max asked whether the Parish Meeting would support the continuing work of the Steering Group to the point at which a company could be formed.

The Chairman put the following proposal to the Meeting:- "To give the Steering Group permission and encouragement to create a company to carry on with the project to create a hydro electric scheme in Kentmere." Of parishioners present, a clear majority were in favour, none voted against and there was one abstention.

There was further discussion relating to the proposed upgrading of the electrical supply by V.U.

Other Business

- *It was recorded that the ruin of the former Head Lane House had been demolished and much of its stone removed.*
- *It was reported that a service to Kentmere was not included in the bus timetable for 2009.*
- *A new "except for access" sign had been added to the width restriction sign at Barley Bridge.*

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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