

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 7th December 2009

Present N. Pighills (Chairman) S. Johnston (Vice Chair) Mrs M. Baldwin Mr & Mrs P. Bettess, Mr & Mrs M. Biden, Mr M Booth, Mrs H. Brownlow Mr & Mrs R. Courtier, Miss F. Cummings, Mr & Mrs H. Fry, Mr C. Gregory, Mr & Mrs A Harrison, Mr E Harrison, Mrs C Hevey, Mr I Johnston, Dr & Mrs W Malone Mr & Mrs A Williams

People in Kentmere

The Meeting paused to remember John Williams who died in July 2009.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2009 were read and accepted.

Matters Arising

Graveyard at St. Cuthbert's Church

The Parish Meeting is the burial authority for the graveyard which is now almost full. The PCC proposes the re-use of unmarked graves over 100 years old for burials and the triangle of land to the north west of the churchyard for the interment of cremated remains. The PCC is asking that the Parish Meeting raise between £1000 and £5000 from the precept over the next 2 – 3 years. The chairman suggested that a letter be sent to all residents informing them of this request so that the Meeting could feel able to vote on an increased precept for future years.

Parking in Kentmere

Hilary Fry and the chairman had met representatives from LDNPA and the County Council but had received very little constructive help or advice. It was stated that the use of Hollingsworth and Vose land would require planning consent, even for 28 days annual use. There was no prospect of achieving planning consent for a permanent car park. There was some suggestion that provisions of the Strategic Management Plan could enable Kentmere to be used as an experimental Traffic management example. Residents are urged to report blocked and obstructed roads to the police and insist that their complaint is logged.

Garburn Pass

Under the NERC act this road was reclassified as a restricted byway. A modification has been sought to classify it as a BOAT (Byway open to all traffic). Determination will be based upon evidence of historical use of the road, specifically use by motor vehicles before 1930. The Green Lanes Preservation Group will challenge any amendment. A straw poll of the Meeting showed 16 people in favour of retaining its current status, 2 people in favour of its becoming a "road" again and several abstentions.

Kentmere Lunch Club

Christine Hevey told the Meeting that the Lunch Club is open to anyone over 55 and is held at Maggs Howe on the first Wednesday of the month.

Kentmere Hydro Project

Iain Johnston gave an update on the project which was now incorporated as a charitable company. The scheme is waiting for planning consent before moving into Phase 2. Trustees will be seeking £1.5 million to fund the project.

Satellite Dish at Brow Top

It was agreed that the proposal for a new satellite dish was not controversial as the previous tetra mast had been.

Other Business

Roads

There was the customary discussion of the roads and drains, without which no Meeting is complete.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

N D Pighills

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