

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 7th June 2010

Present N. Pighills (Chairman) Mrs S Johnston (vice chair) Mr R. Allen, by invitation, Mr & Mrs P Bettess, Mr & Mrs D Bridge, Mrs H. Brownlow, Ms J Connerr, Mr & Mrs R. Courtier, Mr & Mrs H Fry, Mr & Mrs C Gregory, Mrs C Hevey, Mr I Johnston, Mrs M. Baldwin Mr J Stilling, Mrs J Strickland Mr & Mrs T Sturgis, Mr & Mrs A Williams
People of Kentmere

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Bill Otty, former long time resident of Calflay who had died recently.

Stephen Dickinson was to marry Wendy Black in Troutbeck on 21st June.

Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 7th January 2009 were read and accepted.

Matters Arising

Winter Roads and Snow Clearing

The County Council had provided a load of salt and grit. The Parish had organized its spreading to clear snow and ice. A collection to cover the cost of this work had been taken from some parts of the valley but only £270 had been raised against a bill of almost £1000. The Chairman agreed to approach the County Council for assistance with payment. It was possible to raise money for this purpose through the Parish Precept but the maximum amount for this is currently £6.15 per elector. The Chairman asked if residents were in favour of a fund for snow clearing, and the great majority of the meeting agreed that it should be set up for next winter.

It was agreed to deliberate and discuss the matter again at the November meeting.

The Graveyard

The chairman had made enquiries and determined that there appears to be no upper limit on the amount of precept that can be requested for the graveyard. A letter from Max Biden, the PCC treasurer, was read. This made clear the costs involved and suggested that they could be covered by 1000 per annum over the next two years. It was agreed to circulate a letter to parishioners and put a proposal to the November meeting. A clear majority at the meeting were in favour of such a proposal.

Garburn Road

The Green Lanes Preservation Group had objected to this road being re-classified as a BOAT (byway open to all traffic), with which the Inspector had agreed. The issue will now be further considered before a final determination is made. As a BOAT it could be subject to Traffic Regulation Orders which could include locked gates to prevent inappropriate use. As a bridleway it could not be locked and would therefore be susceptible to illegal use. The Chairman suggested that there are no clear "winners" however the decision is made.

Financial Report

The treasurer, Iain Johnston, presented and explained accounts for income and expenditure. These were accepted by the Meeting.

Election of Officers

The Chairman and Vice Chair were re-elected, there being no other nominations for these positions. Both indicated that they would like to resign within the next two years or so and suggested that nominations for their replacement should be considered.

Kentmere Hydro Project

Iain Johnston gave an update on the project. A newsletter had been delivered to all houses in the parish, which had stimulated great interest. A great deal of work had been done by the 15 trustees. Planning Consent had not yet been granted largely because of continuing concerns expressed by Natural England about the ecological impacts of the project in the river. It had been hoped to start on the site at the beginning of 2011. Robert said that production of electricity should start at the end of March 2013. It was hoped that the project could have a gross revenue of £175k per annum.

Other business

There was discussion of several items of correspondence received by the meeting:-

Including

- Himalayan Balsam
- A listed buildings condition survey
- A CCC notice about road works
- Modification of the bridle way at Thornthwaite Beacon

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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