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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Present N. Pighills (chairman) Mrs S. Johnston (vice chair) Mrs M. Baldwin, Mr & Mrs P Bettess, Mr M. Biden Mrs J Bridge, Mrs H Brownlow, Ms H. Connerr, Mr & Mrs R, Courtier, Mr & Mrs H. Fry, Mr & Mrs C Gregory, Mrs C. Hevey, Mr I Johnston, Dr. W Malone, Mr K Talbot, Mr & Mrs A. Williams, Councillor Stan Collins.

People in Kentmere

A minutes silence was observed in memory of Joy Otty, formerly of Calflay who had died on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The engagement of Jan Booth to Gary Mason of Levens was recorded and the Meeting wished them much happiness.

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 7 2010 were read and accepted with one amendment to the attendance record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

These were all covered by subsequent agenda items.

Financial Report

Iain Johnston reported on the state of the Parish's Finances, which stood at £580.33 in credit.

Winter Road Maintenance

The account for snow clearance in the winter of 2009/10 had been over £900, and in the June meeting a precept of £500 towards this had been discussed. The CCC had refused to contribute towards this cost. There would be provision of salt only, to be spread by communities at their own expense. John Robinson of the CCC had been unhelpful, but Stan Collins requested copies of correspondence and agreed to try and assist.

The chairman had discussed the matter with Jim Todd, of Longsleddale, who has his own plough and is paid by the Council. It appeared that the only way we might succeed, would be to carry out the work under the authority of an approved sub-contractor.

The Parish had the ability to raise £6.15 per elector, and the chairman suggested that we should apply for a precept of £500 for the year 2011/12. This was agreed by the Meeting. Iain Johnston proposed that we should pay off £500 on this account immediately and it was agreed that another collection should be taken around the valley.

Christine Hevey suggested that we should have a narrower plough if possible as the present plough is too wide for some lanes.

The Graveyard

*Max Biden confirmed that the PCC proposals for providing space for cremated remains and for re-using the area of un-named graves which have not been used in the last 100 year, are still as reported in the Parish Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010.*

*Max proposed that the Parish should apply for a precept of £1000 per year for the next two years to cover the costs. This was agreed by the Meeting.*

#### *Kentmere Hydro*

*A report was read by Iain Johnston, chairman of the Kentmere Hydro Trust, concluding with the announcement that the project had been placed in abeyance for the time being.*

*For information purposes, a copy of his report has been attached to these minutes.*

*There was much further discussion.*

*Iain and Robert were to meet with Chris Huhne (Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) at the end of the week, and efforts would be made to clear the present funding impasse.*

#### *Other Business*

*It was suggested that Robert Courtier might compose a strong letter requesting a final solution to the recurring pothole in the Staveley road at the foot of Ravesgarth.*

*Some residents had received notices of a requirement to have their water supplies tested at a considerable cost.*

*Maureen Baldwin suggested she might arrange a "Heart Start" refresher course in the spring of 2011. Several people expressed interest.*

*Max wished to record a vote of thanks to Judith and David Bridge who had been running the TV scheme. Jackie Bettess, Jim Stilling and Christine Booth were now in charge.*

*The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm*

*N D Pighills*