

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Conistone with Kilnsey Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 12th April 2010.

1. 26 residents attended. Apologies received from Philip Butterfield, Wynn Clements, Malcolm Dibb, Sheila Ginger, Peter and Gillian Leach, Howard and Jane Pighills, Bob and Denise Richardson, Vanessa Roberts, Bill Robinson, Sonia and Tim Wilkinson.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Proposed by Wendy Hall and seconded by Katherine Butterfield
3. Matters arising. Any items for discussion would be covered within later points on the agenda.
4. Treasurers Report. Gordon Pidgeon ran through the balance sheet explaining any major variations (mainly due to two years income falling in a single year). At the year end the balance stood at £9715.00 but additional income had increased this figure to in excess of £10,000.00 at the time of the meeting. Peter Bradfield proposed acceptance of the accounts and John Clements seconded the proposal. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. The Secretary briefly explained the proposal by the YDNPA to extend the Park to include areas of Lancashire and Cumbria. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Park Authority in response to their questionnaire and suggest that; i) There were no objections to the proposal; ii) The name of the Park remain unaltered not only because it reflected the spirit of the area but also any change would involve substantial unnecessary cost in changing notices, sign posts and other visual images.
6. Conistone Village Green Application. The Secretary and Peter Bradfield explained the current situation but principally the application is to go before the Craven Area Committee meeting at Austwick on the 29th April 2010. The meeting is open and residents may speak if they wish. The question of infill to the area owned by Vanessa Roberts at the top of the upper green in Conistone where Mr & Mrs Doubtfire now reside was briefly discussed and the meeting confirmed that no decision could be taken until the result of the April 29th meeting was known. By a majority of 13 to 3 the meeting also confirmed the decision as to what materials could be used and when could be left to the sub-committee comprising Eugene Howard, Jeremy Waite and Peter Leach.

7. Proposed store extension to Village Hall. Peter Bradfield outlined the three alternatives and suggested the Parish explore the possibility of grants. Gordon Pidgeon suggested a fourth alternative was to take no action at this time. He explained that the real need for storage space had eased since the closure of the nursery. There were no large bookings in the pipeline although this position could change. The meeting agreed that no extension should be undertaken at this time.

8. Election of Officers. The Secretary confirmed that after many years he wished to resign. The Chairman reluctantly accepted the move and asked for a volunteer to take up the position. Paul Batty agreed to take over the role and this was unanimously accepted. Mike Clarke stated he was more than willing to render assistance when required. The Chairman and Treasurer indicated their willingness to continue. The meeting overwhelmingly agreed.

Meeting closed at 20.15

The Chairman asked if there were any points the floor wished to raise informally and Mike Clarke requested permission to continue the notes until the end of the present meeting. This was agreed.

Colin Ginger raised three points:

1. He felt the opportunity was missed to discuss various items of general interest arising between the two formal meetings which the Parish held. These could be of national or local interest and as a community it would be useful if there were an opportunity to exchange views. He proposed an extra two meetings per annum. Various views were put forward.
2. The rabbits around the Parish were increasingly becoming a nuisance. Would the Parish agree to pay for a formal control at the expense of the Parish?
3. Although the Highways Authority accepted responsibility to maintain the main track in Conistone from the highway to the entrance to Conistone Dibb, all other tracks were not maintained nor were the drains. Would the Parish agree to accept overall responsibility? There were strong views on both sides.

The meeting agreed the suggestion put forward by the Chairman that all three items be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bob Richardson had found four servicemen from the villages who had died in combat during the First World War and two in the Second World War. Mike Clarke asked if anyone knew if memorials recorded those born in the area, living in the area at the time of death or both. As no one was clear it was agreed the matter be referred back to Bob for clarification. John Golding also agreed to make inquiries.

Both Graeme Hall and Gordon Pidgeon felt they could not let the meeting finish without expressing their thanks to Mike Clarke for the work he had undertaken as Secretary of the Parish. The meeting agreed and a token of their appreciation was handed to Mike who returned thanks for the support he had received and the generous gesture of the residents. Gordon then announced an immediate wine and nibbles social gathering.

Mike Clarke
Hon Secretary