

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2013

UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

All residents are invited to the Annual Meeting for Parishioners. This will be held at **7.00 on Thursday 9 May** at the Village Hall in Millbeck. The Minutes of last year's meeting are printed out on the back of this letter. The Chairman, Jim Wilson, will report on last year's activities and there will be an opportunity for anyone to ask questions or speak about parish matters. This year's speaker will be Adrian Holmes from the Fire Service, and the topic will be how to remain safe in the home. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

INFORMATION BOARD AT MILLBECK VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to energetic efforts on the part of Bill Bell and Maggie Climie the Information Board has been completely refurbished and the content of it up-dated. It contains a new and legible map, suggestions for walks, some local history, and attractive photographs. It should be erected in the new few weeks, and will be well worth going to see. There will be a celebratory opening – watch out for the date. The Parish Council is contributing £400 towards its cost.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

County Council Elections are taking place on Thursday 2 May. The boundaries of the Division have been changed this year, following a Boundary Commission Review. Underskiddaw is now in a new Division called Bothel & Wharrels. It includes Portinscale, Braithwaite & Thornthwaite, and to the West the boundary line is on the far side of Buttermere, Crummock Water and Loweswater. The Candidates will be Alan Bowness (Con) Jill Perry (Green) & Christopher J Snowden (LibDem).

The group which opposed having a Nuclear Repository in Ennerdale are asking all candidates what their views are on this subject. The Lib Dems have made a statement which is on the Ennerdale website (www.noend.org.uk). At the time of writing the other candidates have not responded.

THANKS

The Parish Council would like especially to thank Rodney Smith for the magnificent job he did clearing the roads of snow, and enabling people to get out on to the main road.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN

KTC are drawing up a set of priorities for the future of Keswick, and they would like some input from the surrounding parishes. There will be some Questionnaires at the meeting on 9 May, and you can also collect them from the Library and Town Hall. Further details on KTC website, or just post in any suggestions to the Town Hall.

**MINUTES OF THE UNDERSKIDDAW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MILLBECK ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2012 AT 7.30 PM**

The Chair was taken by Mr Jim Wilson, Chairman of the Parish Council who welcomed 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from Mr Rycroft, Mrs Roberts, Mr Town, Mr & Mrs Bateman, Mr & Mrs Edmonds, Mr & Mrs Moors, Mr & Mrs Mitchell. Mr and Mrs Saxton

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6 April 2011 were read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report 2011-2012

Mr Wilson expressed regret at the loss of two Councillors who would be sadly missed – Edith Helme and David Roberts. He welcomed Mrs Karen Hind as a Councillor, who had been co-opted since the last Parish Meeting, and who was an invaluable addition to the Council. Unfortunately there was still a vacancy. And the Council would be very glad to hear of any possible volunteers to fill this. The Council had met on 9 occasions, including an open meeting when residents were invited to discuss the proposal for a nuclear dump in West Cumbria. Major planning issues included numerous applications relating to Underscar, further works at the Sewage Plant, retrospective applications relating to unapproved work at Ben y Craig, and enforcement action at Crosthwaite Meadow. The Chairman thanked Councillor Boniface for all her work on the website. He congratulated the History group on the Domesday Book and thanked Mr Saxton for all the single-handed work he put in on keeping the verges along the A591 in acceptable condition.

4. Report on Broadband from Maggie Climie

Twelve people were checking their Broadband speeds and the maximum speed received, and that only on one occasion, was 6. Other speeds were much lower and this is very poor. The government was providing £200million to introduce Superfast Broadband through a programme known as "Connecting Cumbria". A Contract had been put out to tender, and there were two applicants : BT and Fujitsu. A decision would be taken in June. There was no expected date for installation. A maximum speed of 30 was expected.

5. MRWS Up-date

All Councillors had had a copy of the Consultation Document; some had attended local meetings; an open meeting had been held in the Parish. Although initially inclined to favour a Repository, Councillors on further consideration, and taking into account doubts about geology, and the views expressed at the public meeting in the parish, felt that a case had not been made for it, and instructed the Clerk to respond accordingly. This can be found on the Parish Website

6. Questions and Discussion

Matters mentioned : speed and noise of motor bikes going up to 100 mph along A591, cars also speed along; a lower speed limit would be good – but would it be enforced? Many junctions and farm entrances. Sewage Works – very prominent, they should be hidden from sight. Information Board in poor condition – information that Bill Bell was looking into this.

7. Police Report

Police Community Support Officer Megan Jones was present. They will do speed monitoring along road. No crime worth mentioning in Underskiddaw, but some incidents in Keswick. The Police Station was open except Thursday and Sundays, but was up for sale.

8. Talk

A very pleasant and interesting talk was given by Mrs Sue Forte from Guide dogs for the Blind, assisted by her dog, who unfortunately had not quite made the grade.

The formal part of the meeting closed and refreshments were served.

UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Betty Bulman	Rowling End Millbeck CA12 4PS	72199
Chris Corder	White Lodge Millbeck CA12 4PS	73092
Tony Gibbs	Elm Close Applethwaite CA12 4PW	71166
Karen Hind	Birkrigg Farm, Newlands ,Keswick, CA12 5TS	80973
Tom Ryan	Applethwaite Country House CA12 4PN	72413
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