

bodies in the Ben Nevis and Snowdon areas. While some residents regretted that facilities had not been provided for the Challenge participants (and money made out of them), the overwhelming feeling of the meeting was that the Trust's policy of denying facilities was the right one. It was agreed to support Howard Christie's resolution: "This Parish Meeting of Wasdale residents continues to object to the abuse of the valley by certain participants in Three Peaks Challenge events. In particular, we deplore the noise, defecation, litter, excessive and inconsiderate parking and other disturbances caused to this small community. Having tried in the past to deal with these problems on our own to little effect, we intend in future to call on the services of Environmental Health Officers and the Police to deal with matters appropriate to them, since we feel these issues have got out of all control."

143. LINK-UP WITH A FRENCH RURAL COMMUNITY? St. Martin d'Auxigny, about 10 miles north of Bourges in Central France, was looking for a rural community in the North of England (or Scotland) to form a link with, in the hope of future home-to-home exchanges. It was agreed to enquire further into this, possibly in conjunction with Eskdale Parish. Anyone interested should tell the Clerk. (Nine people did so forthwith, and subsequently Eskdale Parish Council also gave their approval for further enquiries to be made.)

144. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS. (a) Major repairs to the lakeside road would probably start on 14 November, subject to last-minute negotiations with English Nature, and the Parish had asked for road signs to indicate "Road Works - Delays". The road would be clear except for Monday to Fridays, 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work would continue into the New Year. (b) The Report of the Inspector at the Public Enquiry into the A595 de-trunking was available from the Clerk. (c) Taxibus timetable: the Meeting decided not to seek changes to make it easier to catch trains at Seascale. (d) In response to a question, the Clerk said he had already reported saplings reducing the width of usable road N.W. of Kidbeck Bridge by using the Highways Hotline (0845 609 6 609, ref. 81663). Ed Drinkall offered to crop other roadside trees at Mill How. (e) In response to another question, Richard Palmer said he would enquire into the present status of the Kidbeck riverside footpath, which had been reported blocked. (f) The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Authority about the failure to replace coping stones on Down-in-the-Dale Bridge.

145. NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY. Chris Berry referred to the CRoW Act, and the fact that the first attempt of the Ordnance Survey to show Access land in Wasdale on the 1:25000 map had included errors. He announced a Litter Clearance the following Saturday and invited volunteers. He drew attention to footpath mapping changes at Wasdale Head and on Gable.

146. PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - THE PHONE BOX. An official of the LDNPA had helpfully written to BT on our behalf, but BT had replied that our local community would not want an old-style phone box since they were difficult for disabled people to use. The Meeting asked the Clerk to write and say we did indeed want an old-style box.

147. THE NEXT PARISH MEETING would be in May, on a date not too close to Bank Holidays.

The Meeting closed at 9.25