

**Keswick and Intwood Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2026.  
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Reading Room, Keswick at 19:00.**

*Present:* Suzannah Billington (SB); Monica Warmerdam (MW); Marguerite Russell (MR); Alex Gordon (AG) and Mike Pilgrim (MP).

*Also present:* Samantha Thurston (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public was also present.

*2026/69. To elect a Chair of the Council:* it was agreed to elect Marguerite Russell as Chair of the Council.

*2026/70. To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:* the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and received.

*2026/71. To consider apologies for absence:* Apologies were received and agreed for Councillor Adrian Spencer.

*2026/72. Declarations of Interest: a) in accordance with s.31 of the Localism Act 2011, Members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on this Agenda; and b) the Clerk to report any written requests for dispensation in respect of items on this Agenda:* N/A.

*2026/73. Finance:*

- *To consider quotes received for the employment of a consultant in response to planning application 2026/2957 being received for comment:* the three quotes received were given to Councillors, and the benefits of employing a consultant to review the application was discussed. The details of the application were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would send its comments without the aid of a consultant in the first instance. The employment of a consultant would be reconsidered at a later date if it was deemed to be required. In principle, the Parish Council agreed to delegated expenditure up to £2,400.00 if additional information was received and the employment of a consultant was required. SB agreed to draft the Parish Council's initial draft comments.

The meeting closed at 19:45.

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