Keswick and Intwood Parish Council Meeting on the 26th of August 2026.
Minutes of a meeting of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council held at the Reading Room, Keswick at 19:00.

Present: Janet Hill (JH); Suzannah Billington (SB); Monica Warmerdam (MW); Marguerite Russell (MR); Mike Pilgrim (MP); Alex Gordon (AG) and Adrian Spencer (AS).

Also present: Alan Arber (Locum Parish Clerk); Deborah Sacks (District Councillor); Daniel Elmer (County Councillor) and 6 members of the public were also present.

2026/52. To consider apologies for absence:

No apologies received.

2026/53. 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:

No declarations given at this meeting.

2026/54. Public Participation:

- *Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation and any County and District Councillor updates:*

  District councillor Daniel Elmer gave no update as the district councillor except the planning application for the data centre to be in place.
  There is no update on the BESS system planning application
  A question was raised on the data centre planning application and as it is a NSIP the decision may be made by the government if the applicant applies to them directly to bypass the District Council.
  It was felt that they will put in a different type of application as it is cheaper than an NSIP planning application.
  Concerns that more work on the site were raised.
  Why has the planning application not been submitted yet and as yet there are over 12,000 objections will this make a difference and it was felt this should never have been passed in the first place around 2016/2017, but it is still going ahead it seemed.
  Many concerns were still raised by parishioners in a very concerned manner on all points.
  County Councillor Sachs was involved with the discussions and had no other comments.
  A lot of local villages have offered their support on the data centre which the council were very thankful for this and the district councillor commented that his email inbox was full of data centre email objections. A question was raised on what planning application rules were in place but both county and district councillors were unsure on this.

Until the actual planning application is received, we cannot really understand the proposal until the planning application comes in.
The Parish Council are concerned that when the application comes in from the developer that blend in with the land then we will know what we will fight the new planning application when it comes in and what issues we can fight the application on.
The chair commented that we know what we can object on and how we can object on the application.
It was asked if Tesco's had put an objection in on the proposed Data Centre, but this was unknown.
Comments were made that the Parish suffers from small power cuts, but it is unknown what was causing this.

2026/55. Planning:

- *To receive consultation documents for the proposed speed limit reduction orders and road calming measures for Low Road, Keswick (closes 8th September 2026):* the consultation documents were received and discussed,

  If the traffic calming on Low Road had been implemented in 2016/17 it would have assisted our issues. Many issues were raised on this point. The developer has intimated this would be one of his first item he would undertake but this has not happened. It was felt that the developer would push back until he actually has to do things.
  A question was raised on the speed limit on the roads around low road and what was happening with this. As yet no dates have been given by the developer on the roads around low road

  The new documents have been received and have not been watered down.
  The County Councillor commented that the highways engineer will be visiting the area in early September to look at what measures could be implemented the date of when this would be done was unknown, but would this be done before the A11works are completed which it was hoped it would be done by soon commented the district councillor.
  Questions were raised on the possibility of village gates and other issues, and the chair will be contacting highways on these issues by the weekend.
  A question was raised about the traffic calming measures on Low Road and why they could not be done in advance of the works and not when it is done.

2026/56. Finance:

- *To receive and consider a grant application:* a grant application had not yet been received by the Parish Council regarding a potential donation request towards the employment of a consultant in response to the expected planning application for a

data centre in Keswick. The applicants of the grant were not in attendance at the meeting and the following was discussed:

2 members of the parish have contacted the chair on the raising of funds to fight the Data Centre, and they have asked parishioners if they would also like to put money in and as, yet no further information was known.
Clarification was noted that this was to fight the Data Centre only.
A quote had been received to look over the application, and this was around £2000 and they would help and all the information that was provided to only the people that funded it and this was also open to the parish council if they helped fund the consultant.
The chair asked the question on the possibility of funding the application to all councillors and all councillors were made aware that the council could fund around £5000 towards the consultant fund by the chair.
It was asked that if we object and help with the consultant would it be legal for the council.
Comments were made that unless we know what people have put in and bearing in mind its local government monies and would this be the best use of the monies as there could be other issues.
The locum clerk commented that it would be best to set up a working party who could run the objections for the council and report every month to the council.
This has been done by other council is a similar way of fighting an objection.
A comments was made that the money may not go very far and that until we know how many parishioners would put monies into the fighting fund.
Due to a parishioner involved not being here the grant application could not be considered but it was agreed that if all the councillors and the chair asked for a vote.
The vote was taken and it was unanimous that we get the parishioners involved to put the plans to the full council meeting in the coming weeks.

2026/57. Correspondence:

- *To consider any urgent correspondence received since the distribution of the agenda:*

None received.

The meeting closed at 19.52.

Signed: .....T. Hill.....