

FIRE EQUIPMENT

01/04/1926 At the annual meeting of the Parish it was proposed that ' the whole of the appliances of the fire Brigade be found and overhauled and that a voluntary Brigade be enlisted in case of emergency' this was agreed by all present.

15/04/1926 'proposed that Mr Atkinson and Mr Nelson be members of the fire Brigade Committee and that a voluntary Brigade be got together as soon as possible'

02/07/1926 'fire appliances were found at Mr Buchanan's Brow House in what appears to be in good condition. They consist of one length of hose 30feet long and one stand pipe'

25/03/1927 'suggested that a fire extinguisher be provided for emergency and be placed in suitable place for St Johns Parish'

14/04/1927 'proposed that a fire extinguisher be bought and placed in the most suitable position in the village. The telephone exchange square was considered the proper place. The extinguisher to be placed in a suitable cabinet fixed to or near the wall. Cabinet to have a glass front or door to be locked one key to be kept inside the cabinet. Mr smith to see Mrs Thompson with respect to erection of cabinet on the wall of her property'

21/03/1930' suggested that the fire extinguisher have painted on the bottle 'FIRE EXTINGUISHER''

11/04/1930 'At the Annual Parish Meeting the volunteers were Mr Booth Mr Lowrey Mr Atkinson Mr Davidson and Mr Dixon. 'proposed that the Clerk write to Managers Thornhill C.C. School asking that the school be provided with fire extinguishers'

05/03/1934 Annual Parish Meeting. 'suggested that a fire extinguisher be placed at Cringlethwaite as Beckermest and Thornhill have one. It was a great inconvenience to have to go to Egremont for one in an emergency. The Chairman said he would put it to the Parish council'

29/01/1941 'Letter from Ennerdale Rural council asking the Parish council to assist in securing and enrolling men who would be willing to undertake the duties in connection with fire fighting , it was decided to post notices asking for volunteers. Also the Clerk to write to Mr Buchanan asking about the stand pipe and hose belonging to the Parish Council'

16/04/1941 'A discussion took place regarding Fire Watchers and stand pipe and hose belonging to the Parish Council, the Clerk volunteered to get Mr Hawthorn to give a demonstration on the recreation ground and inform the ARP and Fire Watchers of the date.'

02/12/1948 'Letter read from Minimax of Middlesex regarding the inspection of Fire Extinguishers after some discussion it was proposed Mr Lamb would with the clerk look over the extinguishers and report at the next Council meeting.

03/01/1949 'proposed the extinguisher be replaced at Thornhill and the one from Beckermest be sent to Minimax for testing'

10/12/1957 'it was decided the Clerk write to the Fire Service regarding the erection of fire extinguishers in Beckermest and Thornhill.

20/01/1958 'Letter received from county Fire Service ' in reply to our letter said he would prefer to withdraw this equipment from public fireboxes because it gives a false sense of security to local inhabitants, it would be much better to call the Fire Brigade...proposed that the fire extinguishers be handed over to the Chief Fire Officer.

