

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual General Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th May, 2010, followed by the ordinary bi-monthly meeting.

PRESENT: Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Gargett, Cllr Vear, Cllr Mullineux, Cllr Miller, Cllr Collinge & County Councillor Robinson

DRAFT MINUTES

Open Meeting- For discussion of matters of general Parish concern (10 minutes)

Points Raised: Street light next to the Heather Glen Hotel, Ainstable (same side) is not working and a light in Croglin works sporadically

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Election of Chairman for Council Year 2010/11

Cllr Mullineux proposed that Cllr Vear remain as the Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Thirlwall. There were no other proposals. Councillors voted unanimously for Cllr Nigel Vear to remain as Chairman.

2. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Vear signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3. To appoint a Vice Chairman for Council Year 2010/11

Cllr Collinge proposed that Cllr Thirlwall should remain as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mullineux. There were no other nominations and there was a unanimous vote for Cllr Thirlwall to remain as Vice Chairman.

4. Apologies

Cllr Brown (away)

5. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May, 2009 as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Collinge (unanimous vote).

6. To consider applications from prospective Councillors

Cllr Vear said that there had been a number of enquiries but most did not meet the criteria for standing as a member of the Parish Council at present. Mr Denis Smith was present at the meeting and spoke to the council, explaining what he felt he could offer to them. Cllr

Collinge proposed that Mr Smith become co-opted onto the parish council. This was seconded by Cllr Miller. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of Mr Denis Smith becoming a parish councillor.

It was resolved to advertise in the Parish News that the council is still looking for another councillor.

7. To appoint any representatives to outside bodies

It was resolved that Cllr Collinge and Cllr Miller should remain as the Parish Council representatives for C.A.L.C.

8. To appoint committees and sub committees

It was resolved that Cllr Vear, Cllr Gargett & Cllr Brown (in his absence) should form the Parish Plan subcommittee.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9. Declarations of interest

Cllr Smith declared an interest in agenda point 20.

10. Apologies

Cllr Brown (away)

11. It was resolved to accept the minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16th March as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Thirlwall and seconded by Cllr Mullineux (unanimous vote)

12. To receive a report on crime in the parish

The Clerk reported that there was nothing listed on the Cumbria Police website. County Councillor Robinson has passed on concern to Chief Constable regarding the absence of police officers from parish council meetings in general. Councillors reported that they were aware of sheep and quad bikes being stolen, as well as shed and farm thefts. Councillors were reminded about the importance of reporting suspect vehicles.

13. To discuss any Highways matters arising

Cllr Mullineux reported that the Highways Steward had visited the parish in April and is due back in June. He also reported that there was no further news regarding the telegraph poles in Newbiggin. It was resolved that the Clerk contact the County Council regarding the ditches in the centre of Newbiggin as they need to be cleared.

14. To receive the results of the Parish Plan survey

Cllr Vear reported that the surveys have now largely been collated with only the two negative comments which were shown at the last meeting. It was noted that the comments are to be drawn into the next Parish Plan.

Parish Plan Survey Raffle- Winning ticket 76 has not yet been claimed- could the holder please make themselves known to any Parish Councillor in order to collect their prize.

15. To receive a report on the Millennium Green

Cllr Vear reported that the Playdale's inspection had taken place during the previous week with some remedial work carried out. It was noted that there is some Stanley knife damage to one item but it didn't need replacing. The inspection report is to follow shortly. It was reported that the grass cutting is now being done on a 10 day cycle and Cllr Vear asked that the brambles around the benches be removed.

16. To receive an update on Croglin School land

The Clerk reported that she had heard nothing further from Rev. David Craven. It was agreed to keep on the agenda for future meetings.

17. To consider grit bins and a larger deposit of grit

Cllr Mullineux said that he felt that Newbiggin is quite well covered in terms of grit availability. Cllr Thirlwall said that Croglin is quite good as well. It was agreed that it is mainly the western parts of the parish that are in need. Cllr Miller said that at least two bins are needed in the Dale area. It was agreed that quotations should be sought from Highways Department for more bins and to ask when the larger deposits of grit from last winter are to be removed.

18. To consider the positioning of recycling facilities in Ainstable

It was reported that the change of use planning permission has gone through for the New Crown Inn and that the recycling facilities have been removed, with the area now a private garden. The Council discussed various possible positions for a new site. Suggestions included near the village hall and at the top end of the Millennium Green with the funds generated going to the Village Hall. It was resolved that the Clerk look into registered parish land.

19. To receive an update on phone boxes in the parish

County Councillor Robinson reported that Eden District Council have raised an objection to any phone boxes in the area being closed.

20. To discuss a request from Ainstable Village Hall Committee for funding towards a new boiler

Cllr Vear read out the letter that had been received. The cost of the new boiler is likely to be £3500 with grant requested from the parish council of £1000. Cllr Collinge proposed that this go ahead. This was seconded by Cllr Miller, with councillors voting unanimously in favour. It was resolved that the Clerk draw up a list of all grants being paid during this financial year.

21. To consider planning applications made and planning matters:

- Heather Glen Hotel- Concern had been raised regarding there being sufficient parking around the hotel for guests to use. Cllr Collinge said that he felt that this had been considered at the planning stage and there had been no concerns. It was noted that the parking provision had increased recently.

- Amendment to Planning Application- 10/0278- Braeside House, Heads Nook, Brampton CA8 9DH- The council offered no objections to the amendment
- Cllr Gargett said that we should have had a meeting for the planning applications received during the last two months.

22. To notify the Council of planning decisions received- None

23. It was resolved to make the following payments (Proposed by Cllr Miller & seconded by Cllr Collinge)

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| • Armathwaite School (Members' Capital Grant) | £7242.00 | (Chq 100556) |
| • Ainstable Church Institute | £ 67.50 | (Chq 100557) |
| • Spoilt | | (Chq 100558) |
| • N Vear (Parish Plan) | £ 35.60 | (Chq 100559) |
| • AON Ltd (Parish Insurance) | £ 341.47 | (Chq 100560) |
| • Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £ 506.68 | (Chq 100562) |

It was resolved that as Mary Robinson is no longer a Parish Councillor she should be removed from the list of cheque signatories and replaced by Cllr Thirlwall.

24. To receive an update on the Annual Return for 2009/10

The Clerk reported that she had completed the annual return for the last financial year. It was resolved that she approach Jane Dawes to complete the internal audit on behalf of the Council before submitting them to BDO for external inspection (proposed by Cllr Collinge and seconded by Cllr Vear) .

25. Points to be raised at the next meeting

- Usual points
- Recycling site
- Track in Croglin
- Annual grants
- Croglin School Land

26. Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 20th July, 2010 in Croglin Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council