

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 16th March, 2010

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson, Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Gargett, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Vear, Cllr Mullineux, Cllr Miller & Cllr Brown

DRAFT MINUTES

Open Meeting- For discussion of matters of general Parish concern (10 minutes)- No points raised

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109. Declaration of interests- None

110. Apologies- Cllr Collinge (away)

111. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 19th January, 2010 (Proposed by Cllr Thirlwall & seconded by Cllr Vear)

112. To receive a report on crime in the Parish

Cllr Robinson requested that a police officer attend the Parish Council meeting on a more regular basis. She stressed that it didn't specifically need to be PC Alison Taylor.

The following crimes were reported:

- Several hundred sheep have been stolen in the area since the end of last year.
- Hare coursing is a problem.
- There have been a number of suspicious cars and vans in the area.

113. To discuss any Highways matters arising

114. To consider the results of the Parish Plan survey and draw the raffle

- Cllr Vear reported that a reasonable number of completed questionnaires have now been received and the results are presently being collated. He reported that it was pleasing that only two surveys had had any negative comments about the Parish Council. Initial responses were generally

positive with most comments regarding roads and gritting. It was noted that there were a number of requests for more events to be held in Ainstable Church Institute. The poor acoustics of the building were also noted.

- Rachel Hurbert (a member of the public at the meeting) drew the raffle. **The winning ticket is number 76. (Could the holder of this ticket please make themselves known to a member the Parish Council in order to collect their prize)?**
- It was requested that the Clerk look into who won the raffle following the last survey.
- Cllr Gargett agreed to help analyse the survey results.

115. To receive a report on the Millennium Green

- The first annual inspection is due to take place on 8th May, 2010. Cllr Brown agreed to remove some bracken and thorns on the site prior to the inspection.

116. To receive an update on Croglin School land

- The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Rev. David Craven to see if there was any more news. He is awaiting information from Rev. Colin Randall and will be in touch as soon as he has an update.

117. To consider litter picking

- Cllr Brown said that he wasn't prepared to organise a pick this year as there had been very little help in previous years.
- Cllr Robinson said that she would cover the bottom road near her house.

118. To discuss the Pennine footpath/ bridleway

- It was reported that there is no further news as to when it will be extended. The situation will be monitored.

119. To consider suggested locations for grit bins and a possible site for a large deposit of grit

- Prior to the meeting Cllr Brown had sent an e-mail around the Parish Council suggesting various points where grit bins could be sited. Cllr Vear thanked him for this. The Parish Council then worked through these sites with the help of a Parish map. They also looked at a number of other suggestions made by Councillors as to where grit would be useful. After much consideration approximately 20 sites were identified. It was agreed

that Cllr Vear e-mail a copy of this map around all of the Councillors for further consideration as only 10 new bins could be afforded.

- It was suggested that grit bins should be placed at roadside locations with larger deposits sited at farms.
- It was agreed by most Councillors that some grit heaps (as well as bins) would need to be kept.
- It was asked whether the County Council could come and collect any remaining grit during the springtime to minimise environmental damage.
- It was agreed that the bins/ heaps needed to be refilled in the late autumn.
- It was agreed that the sites be finalised at the next meeting and the bins ordered. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Andrew Moss at the Highways Department (cc Rob Lawley), asking that following a strategic review of winter problems, could the Parish Council suggest that new bins be placed in the Parish and ask whether matched funding be available.

120. To receive an update on phone boxes in the Parish

- It was noted that the Parish Council still wishes to keep all public phone boxes within the Parish as phone boxes, however, the MPAN number has now been received. Suggested uses have included a tourist information point and a small museum.

121. To consider planning applications made- None

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

123. To consider correspondence received- (See schedule A)

124. It was resolved to make the following payments (Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Vear)

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| • Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £520.36 | (Chq 100553) |
| • CALC Annual Subscription | £139.50 | (Chq 100554) |
| • PC Security Software (N Vear) | £ 34.99 | (Chq 100555) |

125. Points to be raised at the next meeting

- Croglin School land

126. Date of the next meeting-

**Annual General Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council followed by the
ordinary bi-monthly meeting - 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18th May, 2010 in
Croglin Village Hall**

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council 28.03.10