

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th
November, 2010

DRAFT MINUTES

OPEN MEETING- For discussion of matters of general Parish concern (10 mins)

- **Planning application 10/0937-** A number of members of the public raised their concerns that the correct planning permission hadn't been gained when the play equipment was installed. It was explained that the Parish Council had received advice at the time stating that the correct type of planning permission was in place. The member of the public said that neighbours had not been consulted, contrary to the wording in the planning application. Upon examination of the form it was seen that the form submitted by the Parish Council did not say that they had consulted parishioners. This point is stated on the Eden District Council website and refers to the district council notifying neighbours of the plans. The member of the public asked why the form said that the area did not flood. Again it was explained that this is completed by Eden District Council and simply meant that the area does not appear on the district council's at risk list. A councillor gave some background information, emphasizing that the installation of the play equipment was well documented in the parish council minutes and had gone on for a period of at least a year before they were put in. It was explained that the playground came about because it was requested by a large number of people in the parish survey and became a part of the parish plan. A councillor explained that the application was lawful when the original planning permission went through but that legislation had changed part way through the process. As soon as the error was brought to the attention of the Parish Council they had done everything to correct it as quickly as possible.
- **Parish Magazine-** minutes to appear in the parish magazine

PRESENT: Cllr Collinge, Cllr Brown, Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Miller, Cllr Gargett, Cllr Smith & Cllr Vear

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

65. **Declaration of interests-** None
66. **Apologies-** Cllr Wilson (away)
67. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting, 21th September, 2010, as a true record**
(Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded By Cllr Collinge)
68. **To receive an update on the Housing Needs Survey**
Cllr Vear reported we are waiting for a reply. It is likely that the survey will be sent out in the New Year.
69. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish**
County Councillor Robinson reported that there is a Police anti-sheep rustling project underway. Two people have been arrested and charged. County Councillor Robinson asked parishioners to report any incidents that they are unsure of. It was highlighted that although other crimes are in the decline, thefts are on the rise. The public are asked to be careful and ensure that their property is well secured at all times. It was noted that local Policing teams are falling in numbers due to budget cuts. Again, everyone was reminded to report anything suspicious and encouraged households to join Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch schemes.
70. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**

- Grit bins/ grit piles- Rob Lawley from Environment Directorate of Cumbria County Council spoke to the meeting. The Winter Maintenance Policy has been reviewed in light of last winter being the severest for 30 years. Due to the severe conditions spending was over budget last year and a few changes to the policy have had to be made to the policy this year due to a lack of funding. This is ahead of any cutbacks due next year. Mr Lawley said that Ainstable and a number of other roads in the area are included in the main clearing run. With all roads which cleared within 3 days. It was reported that there are 10 000 grit bins/ heaps in Cumbria and good supplies of salt are held.

Ainstable Parish Council has requested a number of additional grit heaps and bins. Mr Lawley said that Cumbria County Council will put out extra heaps in the Parish if they are in areas of danger (i.e. on steep inclines and bad corners etc). County Councillor Robinson reminded Mr Lawley that Ainstable Parish Council would like to spend their allocation of the Members Capital Grant on bins and will contribute extra funds towards bins if necessary. Cllr Vear highlighted that road conditions can cause difficulty for farms and that the large heaps provided last year were an advantage. However Mr Lawley said that this wouldn't be possible this year due to finance. Mr Lawley advised that it would be cheapest for the Parish Council to buy bins direct from a supplier (300 litres for £150). Mr Lawley said that Cumbria County Council will provide salt for new bins if they are in areas of difficulty. It was noted that a parishioner had raised concerns that there might be environmental damage caused by excessive salt left on verges and that some roads have a number of heaps but are also well gritted. Mr Lawley agreed to address this by checking for, and removing unneeded heaps.

It was agreed that Mr Lawley would come back to the Parish Council with results and Cllr Vear will send a list of unneeded grit heaps to Mr Lawley.

- A councillor asked for clarification on the rules/ responsibilities on overhanging trees above highways. Mr Lawley explained that Cumbria County Council contact the tree owners and ask them to cut them back. If they do not do this then a legal process can be started.
- Speed limit sign on the entrance to Ainstable- councillors asked that the area be extended to include the Towngate area. Mr Lawley said that he would look into this but that it can be a drawn-out process. Cllr Vear agreed to send a map of properties to Mr Lawley.
- Cllr Vear thanked Mr Lawley for coming to the meeting.

71. To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey- Lawrence Forest and Cllr Brown have been walking the footpaths within Ainstable. It has been noted that a number of gates/ improved stiles are needed. Consultation with landowners is underway to get permission. Once this is in order, tenders for work will be sought and funding applications made. Cllr Vear reminded the Parish Council that the entire Parish must be surveyed next year.

72. To receive a report on the Millennium Green

Cllr Collinge reported that the paths have been sprayed and the final cuts made. The planning application decision (mentioned above) is awaited.

73. To receive an update on Croglin School land- Nothing heard as yet from Rev. David Craven.

74. To receive an update from the Clerk on dog fouling in Ainstable

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Dog Warden. He had visited the village and looked for any fouling. He had not been able to find any evidence of a problem and so was unable to justify signage or extra bins. The Dog Warden sent the Clerk a poster to put on the notice board reminding people to 'Scoop the Poop'.

75. To discuss tracks near Croglin

The Clerk reported that she has been dealing with the Land Registry and hoped to be able to report further to the Council in January.

76. To receive an update on recycling facilities in Ainstable

It was reported that an area of land had been suggested (a triangular piece behind the garage). It was noted that this belongs to Two Castles Housing and they would be interested as it could be good publicity for them. It might be possible to either lease or buy the land from them as it is too small for building. The matter must be agreed by their board. It was reported that Eden District Council would handle everything. County Cllr Robinson said to get in quickly before funding runs out.

77. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson

- Street lights have been fixed in Ainstable but one is still out at Row Foot and a second at Croglin.
- County Councillor Robinson said that public services will change a lot over the next few years due to reduced budgets.
- It was reported that Fellrunner Village Bus has just received a large grant. Councillors agreed how important this service is.

78. To consider planning applications made

To make available for public inspection the plans for the following application:

10/0937 Field 1916, Ainstable, Cumbria Retrospective Application For Children's Play Area

Discussed in the public open meeting above.

79. To notify the Council of planning decisions received

10/0727 Mr K Moffit, High View, Ainstable

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

- **CALC AGM-** Cllr Collinge reported that he had attend the CALC AGM and listened to a presentation by Chairman of NALC. It was agreed that Parish Councils will need to fill the void caused by reduced funding with an emphasis on the Big Society.

81. To receive an update on Parish finances and to resolve to make payments- (See schedule B)

Proposed Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Gargett

- BDO LLP Annual Audit Fee £158.63 (Chq 100578)
- Spoilt (Chq 100579)
- Clerk's Salary & Expenses £511.33 (Chq 100580)
- Mr Roberts (grass cutting) £280.00 (Chq 100581)

82. Points to be raised at the next meeting

Usual agenda points

83. Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 18th January, 2010 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

16.11.10

Closed Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm