

# AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st September, 2010.

## DRAFT MINUTES

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

- **Speeding through the village of Ainstable** is still a problem, both vehicles and farm vehicles. A member of the public asked if the 30mph sign on the Armathwaite approach to Ainstable could be larger or if there could be some red band road markings (30mph). It was agreed that the digital display box might be a good idea when it is available. It was also suggested that the 30mph sign be moved further out of the village. Cllr Vear reported that the parish council had investigated this possibility about a year ago but had been informed that there was nowhere suitable to place it. County Cllr Robinson asked for a copy of letter stating why it shouldn't be moved so that she could look at taking it forward. Cllr Mullineux asked that a Councillor is with the member of staff when it is inspected by a member of Highways Dept. Cllr Vear suggested that better signage is needed on the road down towards the Heather Glen Hotel. Cllr Smith to notify Cllr Robinson of the number on the street light that is out in Ainstable. County Cllr Robinson to take forward the street light that was reported as being on permanently as it is causing a nuisance.
- **Meeting in the Parish Newsletter-** After a request it was agreed that Parish Council minutes be put in the parish newsletter with a summary to be put in the Herald as well.
- **Millennium Green-** Behaviour of children and young people on the Green was reported as causing a problem. There has been a problem with children using the Green as a toilet in some areas. The Chairman asked that names be provided so that their parents can be approached. A member of the public asked whether the Green is monitored. Cllr Vear said it can't be monitored constantly but if parishioners pass names to the Parish Council they will approach parents immediately. County Cllr Robinson suggested that a note be put in the parish newsletter asking parents to ensure that their children behave well. A member of the public very kindly agreed to cut area immediately around the plaque on the Green to keep it tidy. Cllr Vear said that projects like this rely on the good will of volunteers and thanked the member of the public.
- **Dog Fouling-** still a problem. Parishioners are reminded to pick up if their dog fouls within the 30mph area. It was agreed that the Dog Warden be asked to visit the parish- Clerk to take forward.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Mullineux, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Vear, Cllr Smith, Cllr Gargett & County Councillor Robinson

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47. **Declaration of interests- None**

48. **Apologies- All present**

49. **It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, as a true record**

(Proposed by Cllr Thirlwall, seconded by Cllr Collinge. Unanimous vote from all those who had been present at the meeting).

50. **To discuss the Housing Needs Survey**

Cllr Vear to put a covering letter together to accompany the survey questionnaire.

**51. To receive a report on crime in the Parish**

From Cumbria Police Website

“We continue to make regular patrols of the Penrith rural area in an effort to reduce crime. Recently PC Harrison has been using the speed gun in the rural area in order to combat speeding drivers. Anyone found speeding can face a fine of sixty pounds and three points on their licence.

We would like to appeal to all residents to be extra vigilant in the coming months as the evenings become darker. Thieves generally like to commit crime during the hours of darkness; providing extra lighting around your property can help to prevent it being targeted by thieves. For more advice on crime prevention please call 0845 33 00 247.

We continue to make regular patrols at night in order to combat theft from farms. We are currently planning operations with neighbouring forces in order to reduce crime. If you would like to be part of our farm watch scheme please contact 0845 33 00 247”

Cllr Robinson reported that she had spoken to the Chief Superintendent recently and said that he was committed to having more PCs at Parish Council meetings.

**52. To discuss any Highways matters arising**

- Cllr Mullineux reported that the ditch in Newbiggin has been cleaned out by Cumbria County Council this week to prevent flooding in the village over the forthcoming winter period.
- Cllr Vear reported that the ditches in Ainstable are rather overgrown.
- Cllr Mullineux said that he feels there are problems with the two person Highway Steward scheme. It was agreed that Cllr Mullineux monitor the situation for problems.
- Cllr Thirlwall reported that jobs that are reported are mostly carried out.
- Cllr Vear reported that the Council is waiting for a reply after the winter planning meeting, before the decision on grit bins will be made.

**53. To consider the Parish Footpath survey**

Cllr Brown reported that there is money available through the Parish Pathways Initiative. Investigations are underway to see how much this might be. Cllr Brown and Lawrence ? have begun investigating one path as a trial (through Ainstable and out of the village). Cllr Brown, a County Councillor Officer and a Ranger are to look at the pathway next Tuesday. It was reported that a full rights of way and footpath survey is to be carried out in 2011.

**54. To receive a report on the Millennium Green**

It was reported that the missing bolt has been reinstated in the swing and that grass cutting is ongoing on a regular basis.

**55. To receive an update on Croglin School land**

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Rev. David Craven following her letter to him putting Cllr Thirlwall forward as a trustee. Rev. Craven said that he was very pleased with the suggestion and will take the matter forward.

**56. To discuss tracks near Croglin**

The Clerk reported that she had sent an application to the Land Registry. This had been returned as the scale of the Ordnance Survey map used was not large enough for them to identify the tracks on their title plans. Following discussions with their staff, the Clerk was recommended to apply for an office copy of a title plan which appeared to cover the areas needed. She has done this at a cost of £8.00 and is awaiting the document. From this she can get the details needed to apply for searches of the index for each track. She will report the results of these searches at the next meeting.

Cllr Brown had a map showing the track numbers (301006- north of Croglin, 301020- west of village)

**57. To receive an update on recycling facilities in Ainstable and receive an update from County Councillor Robinson**

Recycling- It was reported that Two Castles Housing don't want to go ahead with the recycling site on the area of land in Ainstable. A councillor reported that the garages are owned by Eden Housing Association. Councillors felt that the area of land is too small for a development. It was also questioned whether perhaps the triangle of land belongs to Eden Housing Association rather than Two Castles Housing.

County Councillor Robinson also reported:

- Speed limit is coming in shortly at Croglin.
- Repairs are being done in many areas.
- Armathwaite Chapel Crossroad has been resurfaced and appears to be working well
- Gritting news is still awaited.
- Hall at Armathwaite School to open on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

**58. To consider planning applications made**

10/0727 Mr K Moffit- High View, Ainstable

After considering the plans Councillors were all in favour of permission being granted. Cllr Vear felt that a positive statement should be sent to Planning Department. Cllr Vear read out a draft reply to the meeting. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council's response should be extremely positive and highly supportive. It was resolved that the Clerk send the response to the Planning Department. County Cllr Robinson said that she could go and speak in favour of the application if there is a need.

**59. To notify the Council of planning decisions received- None**

**60. To consider correspondence received- (See schedule A)**

- Litter survey- councillors discussed the merits of bags and wheelie bins. It was agreed that they don't want to change the system. Cllr Miller to complete the survey on behalf of the council.
- CALC executive meeting to take place on Saturday. Cllr Collinge reported that he has attended a number of meetings on behalf of the CALC Chairman. County Councillors feel that parish councils are needed to take up some of the slack that will be the fallout of the forthcoming budget cuts. District and County Councils are not going to be anywhere near as proactive in terms of scope and scale. Fellrunner Village Bus has received a lottery grant, which is very fortunate, as it may have been vulnerable if council funding is reduced.

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

(Proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Wilson)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses

£521.17

(Cheque 100575)

