

# AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: NIGEL VEAR

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th January, 2011

## DRAFT MINUTES

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

- **Dog Fouling**: A member of the public reported that they had now sent photos of dog fouling to the Chairman as evidence of the problem. The Chairman said that Dog Wardens can work with photos and statements. It was agreed that most people do tidy up after their dogs, but there are a minority who don't. Action: Clerk to ensure that the warning sign is on the notice board in Ainstable.
- **Pavements**: A member of the public asked whether the pavements could be extended further through the village for the safety of walkers.
- **Street lights**: A member of the public said that they felt that more street lights are needed in the centre of the village. County Cllr Robinson reported that due to funding constraints the County Council would not be able to help, however that the Parish Council could finance them if there was a demand (which might show up in a Parish survey).
- **Sandbags on the bridge haven't been removed**- County Cllr Robinson to take forward
- **County Cllr Robinson suggested that these points be placed on the Parish Plan so that they can be taken forward.**
- **Points to be included in the next meeting (inc speeding)**

**PRESENT-** Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Gargett, Cllr Brown, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Vear, Cllr Wilson & County Councillor Robinson

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**84. Declaration of interests-** None

**85. Apologies**

Cllr Miller (at another meeting) & Cllr Smith (away)

**86. To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, as a true record**

It was resolved that an additional point needed to be added to the last minutes and that they would then be accepted in March meeting.

**87. To receive an update on the Housing Needs Survey**

There was nothing to report at present. *Action: Clerk to provide Cllr Vear with Jayne Potts' email address*

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

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from PC Alison Taylor. In it she outlined changes to the police structure and how as a result parishes would not now have assigned individual community police officers. Parishioners and councils can now contact a central team of officers based in Penrith.

On reported crime, parishioners were reminded to remain generally aware and be vigilant for those trying to steal oil.

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

The Chairman reminded councillors that Mr Rob Lawley (Highways Department) had been present at the last meeting and that the matter of grit bins was still ongoing. It was noted that there had been some concerns about gritting around Rowfoot and on the road to Common House (nr the kennels). County Cllr Robinson agreed to look into whether the correct gritting routes were being adhered to as it was felt that some people are getting a better service than others. It was agreed that the scheme whereby extra grit was delivered for farms seemed to work well and that the service had been generally very good.

**90. To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey**

Cllr Brown reported that the footpath from the church to Towngate has been surveyed and the four landowners whose properties it passes through consulted. All are happy for the work to go ahead but documentation needs to be completed. Cllr Brown is awaiting a call from the ranger so that the work can go ahead within this financial year. *Action: Cllr Brown to take the project forward.* The Parish Council hoped that this may lead into a full footpath survey later in the year.

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

The Chairman said that there was nothing particular to add at present adding that the planning application for the play equipment has gone to Committee, with a date set for 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

It was agreed that the grass cutting will need to start again in about 2 months' time.

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

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Rev David Craven. He is currently looking into the matter and will report back shortly.

**93. To discuss tracks near Croglin**

It was resolved that the Clerk search the titles listed in the areas on the map discussed, known as X-Y and A-B.

**94. To receive an update on recycling facilities in Ainstable**

Cllr Vear reported that he is currently awaiting a response from Two Castles' governing board, however the management had seemed to be in favour.

**95. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson**

- LEA- Armathwaite and Culgaith Schools are hoping to go for full primary status, along with High Heskett School later in the year. An important consultation is due to take place shortly. The Parish Council agreed that it is a very important thing and wished to support the project however possible.
- County Councillor Robinson said that the Housing Needs Survey was very important as it would be used for budgeting and that the Parish Council should push for it to go ahead as soon as possible.
- Planning Ahead- There is concern that on-street parking fees would be a problem in market towns, if they were imposed.

**96. To consider planning applications made- None received**

**97. To notify the Council of planning decisions received**

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

Letter from Diocese regarding the proposed closure of Croglin Church- it was resolved that the Clerk send a reply stating that the Parish Council would be sorry if this were to happen.

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

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£501.42	Chq 100582
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**-To resolved to set precept for 2011/12 & make grants**

After discussion it was resolved to leave the precept unchanged at £9750, with grants being set at the March meeting (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Thirlwall, unanimous vote). It was agreed that a sign be placed on all noticeboards requesting that applications for grants be sent to the Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.

**100. Points to be raised at the next meeting**

- Cllr Collinge reported that he had attended a meeting about broadband provision in the area, run by the Carlisle Association of Local Councils in conjunction with Rory Stewart MP. Cllr Collinge said that a broadband champion is needed to take the matter forward.
- Points 92/ 93

**101. Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

Signed:- *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council      8.01.11