

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute
7.30pm on Tuesday 15th March, 2011

DRAFT MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Cllr Vear, Cllr Miller, Cllr Gargett, Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Brown, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Smith, County Cllr Robinson

- **Dog bins** needed- A member of the public raised the need for dog bins in the village. The Chairman thanked him and other members of the public for delivering leaflets throughout the village and reported that the dog warden is asking for a list of households with dogs so that information/ letters can be sent by Eden District Council directly to them. Cllr Miller said that in some areas dog owners are asked to sign a pledge. The Chairman said that prosecutions can be taken through on a witness statement alone now. They will also write out to people who are suspected of allowing their dog to foul. A second leaflet about dog control orders was also handed out to those present. It explains the terms of the offence and the penalties for non-compliance. The Chairman said that the Parish Council could request dog bins. It was suggested that one be placed on the corner opposite the notice board, another by the gap by the bridge, another opposite the old woollen mill (not next to houses) and a final one on the corner near Church Institute on roadside. **Action: Clerk to send letter to Community Warden.**
- **Pavements through the village-** A member of the public felt that due to a lack of street lighting more pavements were needed through the village. The Chairman agreed that this was a fair comment and noted that some street lights are out at present. It was also agreed that possibly as the village has grown the pavements haven't been reviewed. It was noted that this was raised by one or two people in the parish plan. County Cllr Robinson said that there is no chance of getting funding for lights at present but said that it could be suggested. **Action: Clerk to contact Mr Rob Lawley regarding the parish being included in a Travel Review Management Plan.**
- **Meetings to be placed in the parish news-** dates of meetings to be included in the parish news and also be placed on noticeboards in village halls. **Action: Clerk to email list of meeting dates to Cllr Vear.**

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102. **Declaration of interests-** None
103. **Apologies-** Cllr Mullineux & Cllr Wilson
104. **It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting,** 18th January, 2011, and those of the meeting held on 16th November, 2010 as a true record (Proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Vear, unanimous vote from all those who had attended the meetings).
105. **To receive an update on the Housing Needs Survey-** The Chairman reported that he was waiting for the report to be sent through.
106. **To discuss the Parish Litter Pick 2011-** Cllr Brown reminded the meeting that a litter pick was held about three years ago but one has not been held since. It was noted that there is quite a lot of litter lying along various roads in the area. Cllr Brown reported that he can get the equipment needed for a litter pick from Eden District Council and would be happy to approach members of the community to help. He would also be delighted to speak to volunteers. Cllr Miller said that she will do in her area. A member of the public said that she does her area and will continue to do so. County Cllr Robinson said that she will do the area near her house. **Action: Cllr Brown to take the project forward. Everyone is asked to please use equipment which Cllr Brown will provide to ensure that volunteers are safe (as it is a parish council led project).**

- 107. To discuss the Parish Survey & Parish Plan-** The Chairman reported that Cllr Gargett has now collated the results of parish surveys. Most subjects raised are those that have arisen before and there were no new pressing issues. It was agreed that a parish plan now needs to be drawn together. The Chairman gave out a copy of the previous survey results and said that most points were unchanged. Councillors were asked to consider what will be the content of the parish survey and how will it be distributed. It was agreed that councillors will consider the content and send comments to the Chairman. Councillors agreed that it should stay in a similar format and were happy to hand deliver it. *Action: Agenda point for the next meeting.*
- 108. To discuss Ainstable Church – footpath funding application-** The Chairman said that he has received a letter from the church warden asking for a contribution towards the footpath that is to be laid through the new churchyard (to be used for edging, hard core and signage). Cllr Collinge proposed that a contribution of £750 be made towards it. Cllr Brown seconded this. After discussion this was amended to £500. (Proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Brown, unanimous vote).
- 109. To discuss dog fouling – what has been done and the way forward?** Already covered in the public section. Cllr Smith suggested that little signs warning of penalties be placed on the lamp posts. *Action: Clerk to take forward.*
- 110. To receive a report on crime in the Parish-** The Clerk reported that there had been a number of 4x4 vehicles stolen in the Eden area. County Cllr Robinson reported that there has been a problem with poachers out with lurcher dogs. Everyone was asked to be vigilant and report vehicles as soon as they are seen. It was also noted that a trailer was stolen from the village recently. Parishioners are asked to report suspicious activity to police on **0845 33 00 247**
- 111. To discuss any Highways matters arising-** Cllr Vear said that he had visited the Ruckcroft area to look at the roads and had taken photos of 90 potholes. He sent them to Mr Rob Lawley from Cumbria Highways and they have now been mended. Cllr Gargett said that local people were pleased with the results. The public were asked to report any more and they will be mended. County Cllr Robinson confirmed that the request for grit bins has been passed.
- 112. To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey-** Cllr Brown reported that the Parish Pathways Initiative are keen to help with the project. Four kissing gates have now been installed and a finger post. It is not expected that any funds will be available next year but the parish council will remain vigilant. A member of the public reported that a finger post near the Church Institute is broken at present.
- 113. To receive a report on the Millennium Green-** Cllr Collinge said that there was nothing particular to report. Grass cutting is needed for this year, along with some weed cutting. Surveying is taking place. The Chairman confirmed that the retrospective planning application has been passed. The Chairman read out a letter from Eden District Council. The Parish Council considered the positioning of the swings in their relation to adjacent properties. The Chairman said that although Playdales could reconsider this, when they planned the site they said that there weren't any other options due to levels of the land, fall areas etc. The Council felt that as this has already been considered it would not be financially sensible to incur costs when the result is likely to be unchanged. Neighbours had been consulted at that time and the plans amended in line with their comments. It was noted that some maintenance work is needed to the gate and some signage may be desirable. It was resolved that work to the gate to be undertaken. Cllr Collinge agreed to take forward and the signs cleaned. It was agreed to consider signage at a future meeting.
- 114. To receive an update on Croglin School land-** *Action: Clerk to chase Rev David Craven*
- 115. To discuss tracks near Croglin-** The Clerk reported that she had received that title details from the Land Registry and passed them to Cllr Thirwall. She will pass the title plans on as soon as she receives them. It was resolved that Cllr Thirwall and the Clerk work together on it.
- 116. To receive an update on recycling facilities in Ainstable –** The Chairman said that he is still waiting for Two Castles to come back to the Parish Council. County Cllr Robinson suggested writing to Two Castles and asking when the trustees are meeting to discuss it.
- 117. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson**

- Street lights are out in various areas but have been reported.
- Potholes around the area- many being repaired. Cllr Collinge said that he thought that Highways have done very well considering the conditions during the last two winters.
- Capital grants- it is believed that they will be available next financial year. Consideration should be given as to what they can be spent on. **Action: Clerk to contact Ted Thwaites.**
- Crime- meeting of C.D.R.P. held last week- Crime continues to fall in the area to an extremely low level. Poachers are a problem so vigilance and information needed. Parishioners are asked to report sightings immediately to Cumbria Police on **0845 33 00 247.**
- Rural Action Plan- County Cllr Robinson is looking to draw up an action plan and asked that the Parish Plan be tied into it.
- Armathwaite School- County Cllr Robinson reported that she has loyalties to all of the schools. Consultation is underway at present for Armathwaite School and closes tomorrow. Culgaith School consultation closes later this month. Cllr Vear to send a response from Parish Council supporting Armathwaite School.

118. To consider planning applications made- none

119. To notify the Council of planning decisions received and discuss where appropriate

10/1062- Mr K Marshall, Alderbarn, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9QR- Granted

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

121. To receive an update on Parish finances, decide grants for 2011/12 and to resolve to make payments- (See schedule B)

It was resolved to make the following grants for the year 2011/12 (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Smith, unanimous vote)

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| St Michael's & All Angels | £400 | St Michael's & All Angels graveyard | £500 |
| Croglin Church yard | £218 | Fellrunner Bus | £138 |
| Armathwaite Nursery | £250 | Eden Valley Flix | £250 |
| Air Ambulance | £300 | | |

It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Vear, unanimous vote)

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| Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £555.17 | (Chq 100583) |
| Mr N Vear (McAfee Anti-Virus Renewal) | £ 54.99 | (Chq 100584) |
| Ecclesiastical Insurance | £294.16 | (Chq 100585) |

122. Points to be raised at the next meeting

- Above points

123. Date of the next meeting- A.G.M. on Tuesday 17th May, 2011 in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be followed by the bi-monthly ordinary meeting.

Signed:- *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council 15.03.11

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm