

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 15th November, 2011

DRAFT MINUTES

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

- **Grit bins-** A member of the public noted that the grit piles are now in place and asked what progress had been made with purchasing grit bins- the Chairman informed them that this will be covered in the meeting
- **Millennium Green-** A member of the public asked who has the contract for the work to the Millennium Green and what were the terms of the contract- again, this is to be covered in the meeting
- **Recycling-** A member of the public asked will this happen to the recycling scheme. Cllr Vear reported that Two Castles Housing Association Board, who owns the land, is not interested in taking part in a scheme. It was noted that the new recycling process which will happen in Carlisle will no longer involve waste being sorted by parishioners. It will all be collected in one container and sorted by the depot in Carlisle. It was reported that there is no funding for such schemes now.

Present: Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Vear, Cllr Brown, Cllr Wilson & Cllr Miller

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1. **Declaration of interests-** None
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Smith (away)
3. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 20th September, 2011 as a true record** - It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as a true record (proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Thirlwall, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss the Parish Survey & Parish Plan-** Cllr Vear presented a draft plan. He explained that the plan helps future decisions to be made about what the Parish Council wants to do and can also be used to support village funding applications. Councillors considered all sections of the document in turn and made any amendments where necessary. Cllr Vear agreed to draw the document and it was resolved to include a 'recruitment of councillors' leaflet with the plan.
5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish-** It was reported that sheds and garages have been broken into in Ainstable and a car was broken into in Great Salkeld.
6. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**
 - Road surface problems- Cllr Vear reported that he and Stuart Taylor (Highways Dept.) have surveyed the entire parish for potholes large enough to meet the criteria for repairs to be carried out. Only one pothole was found and this will be repaired. Patching work will be carried out elsewhere. Action: Clerk to report the pothole adjacent to Croglin noticeboard.
 - Grit bins and additional supplies- 36 bins have been ordered at a total cost of £6094.44. £1400 of this will be covered by a capital grant from County Councillor Robinson. Cllr Vear explained that these will supplement the existing grit piles on untreated roads and he outlined where they will all be sited. The bins will be green in colour and will be sited and filled by Highways Department.
 - It was reported that there is a street light out above Croglin Hall.
7. **To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey** – nothing to report at present. Survey in hand.

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

A lot of clearance work has been carried out. There has been a small amount of grass cutting carried out. Cllr Vear reported that the Parish Council are now looking into employing a maintenance worker for about two hours per week who can carry out small jobs and grass cutting both on the Millennium Green and other areas of the parish. It was noted that the Clerk is in contact with other parishes to ascertain how their scheme works and the health and safety documents required. Cllr Brown said that he believed it was a good idea. Thanks were made to Dennis Smith, Craig Palmer and Alan Brown who carried out a lot of repair work to the Millennium Green. It was agreed that the position be advertised when the full details have been established.

9. **To receive an update on Croglin School land** The Clerk reported that she has spoken to the Charities Commission about the situation. They will open their case file on the land and come back to the Clerk in the next three weeks with future information.

10. **To discuss tracks near Croglin** The Clerk reported that she has reported the tracks discussed at the last Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that this point does not need to be included on future agendas.

11. **To consider a possible application to Cumbria Waste Management Trust's Landfill Tax Grant Scheme**

Cllr Vear reported that there was a note in a document from C.A.L.C. regarding some funds which are available under the Cumbria Waste Management Trust's Landfill Tax Grant Scheme. Councillors were asked for any suggestions for organisations within the parish who might be interested.

12. **To discuss any matters relating to communications**

- Website- Cllr Vear to put the website on line.
- Parish news- Clerk to send draft minutes to Cllr Vear by tomorrow as Cllr Smith is away.
- Newsletter
- Parish File

13. **To consider planning applications made**

11/0948 Mrs S Fishpool, The Hayloft, Newbiggin, Brampton CA8 9DH- Listed Building Application- Proposed internal alterations to existing first floor bedroom area and replacement of timber door with new timber door- Councillors had no objections and would therefore support the application.

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

15. **To consider correspondence received**- Cllr Vear read all correspondence to the meeting.

16. **To discuss finance**

- To receive an update on Parish finances- The Clerk gave out a summary of account balances and expected expenditure.
- To resolve to make other payments – It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Brown, unanimous vote):

C.A.L.C. Annual Subscription	£142.00	(Chq 100606)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£516.07	(Chq 100607)
Eric Guise (Materials to repair bench)	£ 41.23	(Chq 100608)

- To set the parish precept for 2012/ 2013 – after discussion and consideration of finances/ grant requests, it was resolved to keep the parish precept for 2012/2013 unchanged at £9750 (proposed by Cllr Thirlwall, seconded by Cllr Wilson).

- To set agree grant payments for the year 2012/13- these will be finalised at a future meeting in early 2012.

17. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson-**

- Street lights to be repaired shortly as per the published schedule.
- It was noted that the state of the roads are still a concern.

18. **Points to be raised at the next meeting-** usual agenda points.

19. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th January, 2012 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

25.11.11

The meeting closed at 9.35pm