

# AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council  
held in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September, 2011

**PRESENT:** Cllr Vear, Cllr Miller, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Thirlwall & Cllr Smith

## DRAFT MINUTES

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

- A member of the public passed on apologies from Craig & Rachel Palmer who had wished to attend the meeting and raise concerns about the safety of the Millennium Green- the gate not being toddler proof, the stream hazard (hidden by vegetation), there is a sluice water tunnel with no grid over it which would prevent children getting in. The grass and brambles haven't been cleared this year. It was reported that a child was scratched by brambles when using the equipment last week.

The Chairman explained that the grass cutting contract is to be retendered this autumn for the forthcoming year. The tunnel cannot be covered by the Parish Council. The Water Agency have said that this cannot be covered by a grid as it could cause a flood risk. **Action: It was agreed that a latch could be fitted to the gate once it has been mended.** The latch will be wheelchair user accessible. The Parish Council agreed that they want the site to be used and attractive to parishioners. Cllr Collinge said that there have been problems with getting the work done due to wet weather, although it has been strimmed with large machines twice. Cllr Vear asked that volunteers come forward to help with work on the site on a regular basis. Cllr Vear said that the Millennium Green has just passed its annual independent inspection and is deemed as being safe.

- Recycling- no land is available in Ainstable for a site.
- Speeding of agricultural vehicles through Ainstable village- A member of the public suggested that larger speed limit signs and additional road markings could perhaps be installed. **Action: It was resolved that a letter be sent to Highways Dept. asking for a speed survey to be conducted through the village with follow up advice.**
- Highways improvement- **Action: It was resolved that additional pavements to join new housing areas within the village be requested (letter to Highways Dept.).**

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Declaration of interests-** None
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** None
3. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 as a true record**

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4. **To discuss the Parish Survey & Parish Plan-** Councillors had been asked at the last meeting if there were any points they wished to include. Cllr Collinge raised concerns about ribbon as opposed to infill development within villages. It was agreed that Cllr Vear and Cllr Brown draw everything together.
5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish-** No crimes have been reported in the area. It was noted that Police officers haven't attended any meetings for some time.
6. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**

- **Road surface problems-** Cllr Vear reported that some resurfacing and pothole work has been done at Ruckcroft and a little at the Methodist Chapel in Ainstable. It was noted that there are currently problems in Croglin and on the Broomrigg to Barf road. It was also reported that the surface above the Heather Glen is breaking up. It was agreed that the lack of general maintenance over the years is now causing problems.
  - **Grit Bins-** It was agreed that the Clerk contact County Cllr Robinson to ascertain how much grant can be used to purchase the grit bins.
7. **To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey** – Cllr Brown reported that the footpath section of Cumbria County Council has recently gone through a restructuring process. Geoff Faukes (parish contact) is still in post but doesn't have a budget available as yet. It was decided that two footpaths should be selected within the parish to be put forward for work once the funds become available. Cllr Miller suggested the Broadwalk to Nunnery path (it was noted that a local farmer is doing some remedial work to areas damaged by his animals). It was agreed that this would be a good one as it includes an historic well and is featured in guidebooks of the area. It was agreed that councillors decide upon a footpath in the Croglin/ Newbiggin area as well. It was agreed that in time a map of the area showing footpaths would be a good feature and it was resolved that the Clerk find out about the map in Kirkoswald.
8. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green-** It was reported that the contract for grass cutting is coming to an end shortly. The job will be retendered with a 12 month contract being advertised. This will allow time for extra work to be completed. It was noted the site has passed its annual independent inspection.
9. **To receive an update on Croglin School land-** The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Rev. David Craven say that the situation is still with the diocese who are taking advice from the Charities Commission. It was suggested that the Parish Council contact the Charities Commission to look at ways to take the matter forward.
10. **To discuss tracks near Croglin Track in Croglin-** The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Thirlwall have been in contact with the Land Registry and Arnisons Solicitors. Following advice it was agreed that the Parish Council did not themselves need to take the matter forward, but that the Clerk would report one track to the County Council as it has a public footpath running along it (numbered 301006).
11. **To discuss the audit of Parish Council property-** A register of fixed assets was drawn together. It was resolved that the Clerk go ahead with the registration of the parish land. A kind parishioner agreed to repair the bench at the crossroads, with the Parish Council covering all expenses.
12. **To discuss the co-option of new councillors-** Mr Dennis Smith said that he wished to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Vear proposed that this be accepted. He was seconded by Cllr Collinge. It was noted that Richard Gargett has offered to stand again if wanted. It was agreed that councillors are still needed from Newbiggin and Croglin and volunteers were called for.
13. **To assign councillors portfolios and responsibilities-** It was agreed that individual councillors be responsible for the following;
- Footpaths- Cllr Brown
  - CALC- Cllr Miller
  - Highways Dept. contact- Cllr Wilson
  - Communications- Cllr Smith
  - Parish Plan- Cllr Vear & Cllr Brown
14. **To discuss communications (requirements and responsibilities):** Councillors agreed to take on the following tasks:
- Website- Cllr Vear (to build the website and include councillors/ useful contacts, historical details about the area, photos and adverts for local businesses)

- Parish news- Cllr Smith
- Newsletter- Cllr Smith
- Cumberland & Westmorland Herald- Cllr Smith
- Parish File- Clerk to maintain

15. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson-** Not present

16. **To consider planning applications made-**None

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

11/0430 Mr R Smith, Oakwood, Ruckcroft, Carlisle CA4 9QS- Single storey extension Granted

18. **To consider correspondence received**

19. **To receive an update on Parish finances and resolve to make other payments**

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

Jane Dawes (Parish Audit Fee)	£60.00 (Chq 100601)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£523.97 (Chq 100602)
Eden District Council (Election Fees)	£140.00 (Chq 100603)
G W Collinge (GMS Bill)	£78.00 (Chq 100604)

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

- School Land

21. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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