

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th November, 2012.

Present: Cllr Vear, Cllr Guise, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Miller & Cllr Smith

MINUTES

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Declaration of interests-** Cllr Guise (Ainstable P.C.C.)
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Brown (away), Cllr Collinge (attending another meeting) & County Cllr Robinson (unable to attend)
3. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 18th September, 2012 as a true record :** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 18th September, 2012 as a true record (proposed by Cllr Guise, seconded by Cllr Smith, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss the recruitment of new Parish Councillors-** carried over to next meeting.
5. **To discuss the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**

A gentleman from Signpost Restoration Ltd (approved by Cumbria County Council for this type of work) came to the meeting to explain the process of restoring old cast iron road signs. It was noted that the complete restoration process involves stripping the existing sign, replacing missing components with original style text and repainting.

Signpost Restoration Ltd provided two quotations for the work- level one- for one post only and level two- all four posts completed.

Photographs of examples of different projects that had been completed were circulated and councillors agreed that the results were dramatically better.

Cllr Vear said that Highways Dept. are happy for the parish council to do the work to the signs but they would be unable to contribute towards costs. It was noted that the English Heritage/ Lottery Fund has some money available for signs, but there are obviously criteria attached. The gentleman from Signpost Restoration Ltd reported that volunteers and schools (who plan lessons around the work and visit the foundry) are often involved these projects and this helps when applying for grant funding.

Councillors agreed that trying to secure grant funding was the only way forward. Cllr Findlay and the gentleman from Signpost Restorations Ltd agreed to look at all of the posts to allow a full quotation for all the work needed to be drawn up. This would allow a plan to be drawn up for applying for funding. It was agreed that the posts should be prioritised as to those that need doing first. Councillors thanked the gentleman from Signpost Restoration Ltd for coming to the meeting.

Cllr Vear agreed to send Cllr Findlay a large map of the parish.

6. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish-** the Clerk reported that there is nothing listed in this parish on the Cumbria Police website.

7. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**- Cllr Miller reported that she had tried to attend a C.A.L.C. meeting but it had been cancelled.
8. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**
- Cllr Vear reported that the grit bins are being filled at present and road surfaces are being patched in the Newbiggin and Croglin areas.
- Cllr Thirlwall reported that there are a number of drains blocked at the top of Croglin. It was agreed that the Clerk report the problem to Highways Hotline and ask them to contact Cllr Thirlwall who will explain their exact location.
- Parishioners were reminded that they can quickly report any problems to Highways Hotline by calling **0845 609 6609**.
9. **To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey and maintenance of footpaths**- Cllr Brown reported that there was no longer any funding available for projects such as this and perhaps this point should be removed from the agenda.
10. **To discuss church grass cutting**- Letter requesting funding for 2013/14 to be included with grants below.
11. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and bus stops**- Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Eric Guise for all his work on the bus shelter and agreed that it was a vast improvement. Mr Guise said that he had restained it both inside and out but suggested that further work was needed to the bottom sections of wood as they are rotting. Mr Guise agreed to get a price from Eric Bell to carry out the work needed. It was agreed that the quotation include the price for repairs to parish benches and noticeboards, particularly the one at Longdales road end which has lost its plastic door front.
12. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and the adoption of its maintenance by Eden District Council** - Cllr Smith reported that the grass has been cut and he has arranged to meet a representative from Cumbria County Council on site to discuss which areas are being cut and how frequently.
13. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation**- The Clerk reported that she had emailed and tried to call Sue Emery from Carlisle Diocese office but had had no response. She had an email from Cumbria County Council offering to find out who their trustee was but County Cllr Robinson has already informed us that it is her. Cllr Vear gave out a copy of the trust deeds and noted that the Parish Council and Cumbria County Council trustees have the power to invoke a meeting without the church being present. It was also suggested that these trustees could apply to the Charities Commission to have Carlisle Diocese debarred as trustees. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to the Charities Commission to ascertain what they need to do in order to do this. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr George Stobbart of High Hall, Croglin who rents the land to determine how much is being paid and to whom. It was agreed that the Diocese need to be forced into attending a meeting. It was resolved that both the Chair and Clerk take this forward prior to the next meeting.
14. **To discuss councillors co-ordinating special projects**
- Cllr Findlay and Cllr Guise- signposts
 - Mr Eric Guise- benches and bus stops
 - Red squirrels- suggested new project to be taken forward at the next meeting.
15. **To discuss any matters relating to communications**
- Website- No update
 - Parish News- a minimum of meeting dates and contact details should be included.

- Newsletter- Cllr Vear handed out a draft copy of the newsletter. It was agreed that he complete the newsletter and have them printed. Cllr Miller volunteered to deliver some and it was suggested that some could be sent out with the Parish News.
- Parish File- Up to date.

15. **To consider planning applications made and other planning matters**

- 12/0898- Mr & Mrs G Proud, Faugh Head, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9QW- Retention and resiting of caravan for occupation by seasonal worker-Councillors agreed that they would be happy for it to be behind hedge but would like it to be screened so that it can't be seen from other properties on the other side.
- 12/0762- Mr C Little, Site adj. to Bridge End Cottage, Croglin, Carlisle CA4 9RY- Withdrawn

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

- 12/0330 Mr D Smith, Heather Glen Country House, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9QQ- Granted

15. **To consider correspondence received-** The Chair read through the correspondence received.

16. **To discuss finance**

- **To receive an update of Parish finances-** The Clerk read out the balances held in each bank account, likely expenditure until the end of the financial year and predicted expenditure for the year 2013/14.
- **To resolve to make payments due- it was resolved to make the following payments due** (proposed by Cllr Thirlwall, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote):

BDO LLP (Audit Fee)	£144.00	(Chq No: 100628)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£523.37	(Chq No: 100629)
Mr E Guise (Bus Shelter)	£ 29.62	(Chq No: 100630)

- **To discuss grants to be made in the year 2013/14 and set the precept for the next financial year**

After reviewing parish finances and considering applications received councillors agreed to make the following grants in 2013/14 (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote):

Eden Valley Flix	£250
St. Michaels Church	£800
Ainstable Church Institute	£500
Croglin Village Hall	Amount to be confirmed
Fellrunner Village Bus Ltd	£160
Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance	£500

Councillors resolved to keep the precept for 2013/14 unchanged at £9750 (proposed by Cllr Findlay, seconded by Cllr Thirlwall, unanimous vote).

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

18. **Points to be raised at the next meeting-** Usual agenda points & red squirrels

19. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th January, 2012 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

20.11.12

Meeting closed at 9.32pm