

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th September, 2012.

Present: Cllr Vear, Cllr Guise, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Brown, Cllr Miller, Cllr Smith & County Cllr Robinson

DRAFT MINUTES

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

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 17th July, 2012 as a true record:** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 17th July, 2012 as a true record (proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Collinge, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss the recruitment of new Parish Councillors-** no new members of the public were present- it was resolved to carry the agenda point over to the next meeting
5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish** – Although no crimes are listed on the Cumbria Police website it was noted that there had been a number of thefts from the Croglin and Ainstable areas. In Croglin it was reported that tools and fencing hurdles had been taken and in Ainstable heating oil thefts had been taken from a property in the centre of the village. County Cllr Robinson reminded those present that 60% of burglaries are a result of opportunist thieves through open doors and windows. She said to remember the saying “Lock it or lose it” and avoid being a victim of crime. Neighbourhood Watch contact details.
6. **Report from attendance at outside bodies-** Nothing to report
7. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**
 - **Winter Planning/ grit-** The Chair reported that Cumbria Highways are not prepared to install any more grit bins. The grit bins requested for the road out of Ainstable will not be installed as the road is a priority route that is already gritted. Bulk drops for the farms will be available only if there is severe weather, to reduce costs. There are no changes planned to the gritting routes in the parish.
 - **Sign posts-** It was reported that around the parish there are many cast iron sign posts that are in a bad state of repair- twenty five in total with six needing fingers replacing. Cllr Findlay has been around the parish and has photographed all of them. The Chair reported that most date back to the 1930s and there is a company, Sign Post Restoration, based in Brampton, who will carry out repair and replacement work. It would cost in the order of £1500 for the replacement of arms and restoration work. It was suggested that grants may be available for the work. Some councillors highlighted potential problems with thefts but most councillors felt that the traditional signs were an important feature of the countryside. County Cllr Robinson said that Community Fund or Neighbourhood Forum grants might be available to begin the project. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a copy of the Standards for Signage guidelines, priced at £5. Councillors resolved to go ahead with the project. Cllr Findlay, who had begun the process, agreed to carry on with the project, helped by Cllr Guise. Cllr Thirlwall said that the ‘Croglin’

arm of the sign on the road above the village has still not been repaired even though it was reported months ago. It was agreed that the Clerk chase up the repair. It was also noted that the road sign next to the Fox and Pheasant in Armathwaite is dirty.

- **Speed limits**- Next to Fox and Pheasant in Armathwaite- It was reported that the 30 mph limit is going to be moved up the hill towards the crossroads. It was noted that a new rubbish bin has been positioned on the bridge in Armathwaite to try to prevent fly-tipping. It was reported that Eden District Council have recently carried out a litter inspection of the area during which they looked at the amount of litter and accessibility for road sweepers. It was agreed that roads need to be swept more quickly after floods.
- **Holes and damage**- Cllr Thirlwall reported that paint markings have been made around holes in Croglin. Cllr Vear said that apparently holes have to be sufficiently large to take a car tyre before they qualify for repair and so many holes in the road are not quite big enough. It was reported that some patches on Blayberry Hills have wasted away and also around the crossroads in Ainstable. It was also noted that the bridge in the centre of Ainstable still hasn't been repaired and there is still damage to stone work near the Heather Glen Hotel. In Ruckcroft damage done by snow plough near Rosehill Farm hasn't been repaired and there is also a street light out in Ainstable. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Steve Purdham from Cumbria Highways to report the problems.

8. **To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey and maintenance of footpaths**- Cllr Brown said that there was nothing to report. Unfortunately all funding streams for such projects have dried up, but councillors were pleased that they had received in the past in this area. Cllr Guise said that the pavement in Ainstable near the notice board is mossy and it was agreed that the Clerk report it to the Highways Dept..

9. **To discuss church grass cutting**- The church requested a contribution towards grass cutting in Ainstable churchyard. Two proposals were made for payments of £400 or £600. Upon discussion it was resolved to pay £600 (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Vear, unanimous vote).

10. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and bus stops**- Cllr Guise reported that that there is some graffiti in the bus stop that needs removing. The bench sited up near the church in Ainstable needs to be repaired as its back is damaged. It was agreed to include an agenda point for a survey of benches at the next meeting. It was agreed to repaint the bus stop with dark creosote. Mr Eric Guise offered to do it with the Parish Council paying costs.

11. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and the adoption of its maintenance by Eden District Council**- It was reported that Eden District Council have now cut the green a couple of times but some of the agreed areas have been missed. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Neil Buck to check that everything is being done in accordance with the agreement as the contractor is not cutting around the edges. It was also agreed that the Clerk speak to the contractor to ask them to quote to cut the big open area and along the far side of the beck to remove the dogwood. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting between Cllr Smith and Eden District Council to iron out any problems with the areas cut.

12. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation**- The Clerk reported that she has been speaking to Sue Emery at the Carlisle Diocese office in Carlisle. She was already aware of the situation and is now working with the church's financial officers to send us a copy of the accounts for the trust.

13. **To discuss councillors co-ordinating special projects**

The following projects have begun

- Bus stops
- Road signs

Cllr Vear asked councillors to come forward with ideas for projects that can be taken forward.

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

- Website- Cllr Vear asked councillors to ensure that they copy all emails to Clerk, Chairman and County Cllr Robinson (where applicable) thus giving parish council records copies of all correspondence and allowing those dealing with situations as they arise to have the full picture. Cllr Vear said that ideas for the website are still needed. It was suggested that signposts could be included.
- Parish News- It was agreed that as a minimum every month contact details for the Parish Council need to be included.
- Newsletter- autumn newsletter-It was agreed to include the following topics- signposts, the bus stop, benches, the Croglin Educational Foundation, potholes, the recruitment of new councillors, the new bin on the bridge in Armathwaite and the repositioning of the speed limit sign. County Cllr Robinson asked that an article asking for suggestions for grants from the Neighbourhood Forum be included.
- Parish File- the Clerk reported that the file is up to date.

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

- Static Caravan at Faugh Head nr Ainstable- The Clerk reported that the Planning Department have an enforcement order in place for the caravan to be removed.

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

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

16. **To discuss finance**

- To receive an update on Parish finances- The Clerk read out the balances of each of the bank accounts held. Councillors asked when the first bill for the maintenance of the Millennium Green was due.
- To resolve to make payments due – It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded Cllr Miller, unanimous vote):

Croglin Village Hall (Rent)	£75.00	(Chq 100625)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£514.29	(Chq 100626)
St. Michael's & All Angels	£600.00	(Chq 100627)

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

County Cllr Robinson reported that a consultation process is underway about the traffic lights on Eden Bridge, Kirkoswald. A meeting is due to be held in Kirkoswald in mid-October to ascertain the community's feelings on them and whether there would be support for them becoming permanent. The trial will continue for a further 6 months as County Cllr Robinson has agreed to carry on with the funding started by County Cllr Carrick.

It was reported that there is discussion at present as to whether Ainstable should lose its service centre status. County Cllr Robinson is against this as it has wide ranging implications, even to things like planning.

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

- Grant application and criteria

- Risk assessment document.
- Inspection of play equipment

19. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th November, 2012 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: R.E. Lytollis

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

18.09.12

Meeting closed at 9.05pm