

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November, 2013.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Cllr Findlay, Cllr Miller, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Vear, Cllr Guise, Cllr Smith & Cllr Bellis.

- Mr P Hardon, Wynshiels, Ainstable- Mr Hardon spoke to the meeting and said that he wanted to reassure the council that the work to their property would be done sympathetically to the surrounding area. They promised that they will take into account neighbours concerns and be considerate to those living nearby. They also wanted to dispel any rumours regarding their field at the rear of the property, saying that it would remain as a field and will not be changed to a garden or developed.
- Two other parishioners spoke to the meeting about a number of points-
 - Towngate is not on any signposts in the Parish. Could one be installed somewhere?
 - Could the 30mph limit extend to Towngate as the density of houses is on a par with Ainstable village. Cllr Vear responded saying that the parish council has asked for them in the past. It was resolved that the Clerk write again to Highways Dept. to ask that the 30mph limit be extended but it is partly dependent upon the streetlight coverage. Lights have been part of a major review. The parish council have not yet been informed of the results however the streetlights in the Towngate area are not classed as formal streetlights. It was agreed that the Clerk write Cumbria Highways to ask again to move the limit boundary. It was also suggested the Police's perspective on the situation be established.
 - Road from Ainstable to Lazonby- dip on the way to Black Barn, Armathwaite- due to erosion caused by vehicles along the side of the road, the drains are now in the middle of the road rather than at the sides as they were originally. It was agreed that the Clerk report the problem again.
 - Bridge in Armathwaite- the bridge is covered with parked cars. The parishioner suggested that the parish council should look at car parking to allow people to park without narrowing the road. It was agreed that it is a valid argument as there are often vehicles carrying canoes on the side of the road. Councillors agreed to take the matter forward.
 - Armathwaite Methodist Chapel crossroads- It was agreed that it is difficult to turn safely when travelling from Armathwaite. It was suggested that there should perhaps just be one entry and one exit. It was agreed to look at the matter in more detail.

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1. **Declaration of interests-** None
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Thirlwall (another meeting/ working)
3. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 17th September, 2013 as a true record-** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 17th September, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Cllr Guise, seconded by Cllr Vear, unanimous vote).

4. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**- Cllr Vear reported that the work has been commissioned and work to many posts will be completed by the spring. Cllr Vears asked whether a fourth finger should be added to the sign in the centre of Ainstable to point out the Church. Cllr Vear proposed that a sign finger be installed, this was seconded by Cllr Miller and councillors were unanimously in favour (it was resolved that the inscription on the finger would read “The Church”).

5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish** – None noted on the Police website. Parishioners are reminded to report anything suspicious to Police immediately. Cllr Miller reminded councillors that a number of grit bins had been moved and emptied over the walls. It was noted that the bin at the Broomrigg’s corner had been removed. It was resolved that the Clerk try to establish whether Highways Department has done this or someone else. Cllr Miller gave the Clerk the vandalism/ theft log reference number (62/1183251) to investigate.

6. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**- None

7. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**

The Chair reported that the grit bins are in place once more and have now been filled. Extra piles will be put in place if the weather is particularly bad.

Cllr Bellis reported that the High Moor Road is in need of a lot of work. Councillors were reminded to report any highways problems to Cllr Bellis who will report them to Highways Department.

Cllr Bellis also said that it will probably be possible for the parish to install a speed detection unit to carry out a survey to try to establish the extent of the speeding problem. Depending upon the results, this might be followed up with a speed camera van or a policeman with hand held detection gun.

8. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and noticeboards**

Cllr Vear reported that the first bench has been ordered and should arrive shortly. It will be engraved with “Ainstable Parish Council”. It was agreed that it be delivered to Cllr Vear, Cllr Guise or Cllr Smith, depending upon who would be available on the delivery day. It was noted that the council is still awaiting a third quote for a new noticeboard. It is expected that the cost will be in the order of approximately £2000 each when installed.

9. **To discuss the provision of a defibrillator in the parish**

A member of the public, who is already part of a first responders group reported that defibrillators need to be sited in a warm place in order to keep the gel pads up to temperature. It was noted that there are currently no groups covering this area. At present the British Heart Foundation offer funding for equipment but needs volunteers. Another member of the public came forward and said that they would like to help put a team together. The Parish Council agreed that they would be more than happy to contribute funding to the project.

10. **To approve the risk assessment document for 2013/14**- It was agreed that the Clerk email copies of the document to councillors to read before the next meeting and an agenda point be placed on the agenda.

11. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and its maintenance by Eden District Council**

The Chair recapped that the grass at the bottom of the green has been cut by Eden District Council under the annual maintenance contract. Councillors then discussed whether to renew their contract with Eden District Council or ask someone else to do it. It was agreed that the area can be managed in a number of different ways, depending upon the cutting programme.

It was agreed that it should be kept cut to a slightly higher level with a short cut around the play area. Brambles and nettles would need to be kept cut back and the fortnightly inspection carried out and documented. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for January and advertise for tenders in the parish newsletter and on the parish noticeboard.

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

- Website, Parish news, Newsletter & Parish File

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

- 13/0766 M/s TF & JR Pollock- Mr T Pollock, Towngate Farm, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RE- Councillors voted to support the application.
- 13/0798 Mr & Mrs J Astley, High Farm, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9QR- Councillors voted to support the application. They were concerned however to ensure that water run off is managed carefully to prevent it impacting the road.
- Mr & Mrs G Proud, Faugh Head, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9QW- Static caravan- Mrs Proud spoke to the meeting. Cllr Vear said that the parish council thought that the application should be supported but should also comply with National Park laws which would ask it to be painted in a subdued colour and screened (green to reduce visual impact). The Chair explained that the parish council has now submitted its views following consultation by Eden District Council and the plan will now go before their committee. The applicant was reminded that they can go and speak at the committee meeting as can those who are against it.

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

- 13/0547 Mr T Irving, Fair Hill House, Croglin, Carlisle CA4 9RZ- Granted
- 13/0072 Messrs Stapleton & Thompson, Armathwaite Barn, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9PY- Granted

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

16. **To discuss finances**

- To resolve to make payments due (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Collinge, unanimous vote)

Clerk's salary & expenses £501.19 (Chq No: 100649)

- To discuss grant applications received- held over to January
- To set the precept for 2014/15- held over to January

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

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

- Usual agenda points
- Budgeting and grant applications

19. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st January, 2013 in Ainstable Church Institute