

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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An ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th September, 2013.

Present: Cllr Vear (Chair), Cllr Miller, Cllr Guise, Cllr Finlayson, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Bellis & Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

DRAFT MINUTES

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

- A parishioner raised their concerns about the planning application at (13/0585) Wyn Shields, Ainstable- They said that they were not concerned about the principle of an extension but the scale of the development was worrying. Other parishioners said that they were concerned that the two storey area of the development is going to impact on adjacent properties. The Chair advised those neighbours concerned to send email representation into the council stating why they are against the current plan. It was the feeling of councillors that the property would be out of scale with surrounding properties and as the roof line is to be raised it will overlook neighbouring properties.
- Website- a parishioner requested that minutes be placed on line.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Declaration of interests-** None
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Thirlwall (Vice Chair) & Cllr Brown
3. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16th July, 2013 as a true record:** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16th July, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Cllr Bellis, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote by those present).
4. **To discuss parish finances**

Cllr Vear began by showing budgeting spreadsheets giving last year's data and a projection for income and outgoings during 2013/14. He explained that Highways Dept. has no money to do any extra work and so the cost of most special projects would largely need to come from parish funds. After discussion, councillors resolved to do the following:

- a. Bus stop for Newbiggin- first priority (at a cost of £1200).
 - b. Apply for Lottery Funding for replacement noticeboards.
 - c. Bench- by church, to be paid for out of parish funds.
 - d. Two road signs on the Holmwrangle Road are to be restored under a Cumbria Highways project
 - e. Road signs- Councillors agreed that these make a difference to the aesthetic landscape of the area and a parish wide restoration project should begin. Councillors decided upon a number of signs from the quotation from David Gosling, based upon condition and price and resolved to approach him to begin work.
5. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the parish**

Councillors voted unanimously that Cllr Vear should contact David Gosling of Lanercost to go ahead with the restoration programme as outlined above (proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Findlay).

Councillors resolved to provide funding of bus stop in Newbiggin, as per the recent quotation (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Bellis, unanimous vote). It was agreed to speak to those who live locally, the school bus company and Cumbria Highways to decide where it is best to site it.

It was resolved to spend the money held for the grit bins on repair of the road signs (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote).

6. **To receive a report on crime in the parish** – The Clerk reported that there are no crimes in the parish noted in the most recent Police newsletter.
8. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**

Cllr Vear reported that he had attended a meeting about proposed work to traditional road signs in the area. He also said that Connecting Cumbria are working along with other bodies to improve broadband speeds across the county.
9. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**
 - Cllr Bellis reported that a number of potholes have been repaired and blue arrows are now marking edges of roads with holes so that work can be carried out soon.
 - Winter grit piles- Cllr Vear reported that Highways Dept. are currently reviewing some of the routes and are out testing new equipment. Councillors agreed that the gritting programme has worked quite well recently and reminded parishioners to report empty grit bins to the Highways Hotline (0845 609 6609) so that they can be refilled quickly.
 - Road from Ainstable Institute (opposite Larch Croft)- Cllr Guise mentioned that the traffic cones have been removed. Cllr Bellis agreed to report this area to Highways Dept. as the hole is undercutting the road.
 - Councillors agreed that they were concerned about vehicles speeding through the villages and asked Cllr Bellis to report the problem and ask for a Police speed camera van to visit the village.
10. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and noticeboards**
 - Bench near the Church- covered above. Cllr Collinge proposed that a 'Classic' bench be purchased and installed at the site, with a plaque reading 'Sponsored by Ainstable Parish Council'. Cllr Findlay seconded this and the council voted unanimously in favour.
 - It was resolved that Cllr Vear and Cllr Bellis submit an application on behalf of the parish council for a Lottery Awards For All grant in order to replace old noticeboards.
11. **To discuss the provision of a defibrillator in the parish**- Agenda for November
12. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and its maintenance by Eden District Council**- It was reported that a rough cut of the field had been carried out but councillors felt that it needed to be done more frequently. It was agreed that the top portion of grass needed to be cut again. Councillors resolved to review the contract with Eden District Council and advertise for tenders for the work for next year.
13. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation**- Councillors agreed that they were quite happy with how the foundation is now functioning and that grants have been given out.
14. **To receive an update on councillors' special projects**- already covered above

15. **To discuss any matters relating to communications**
- Website, Parish News, Newsletter & Parish File
16. **To consider planning applications made and other planning matters**- None
17. **To notify the Council of planning decisions received**- No decisions received. Councillors asked the Clerk to chase action on the static caravan on the Ainstable to Armathwaite road.
18. **To consider correspondence received**- None
19. **To resolve to make payments due**
- It was resolved to make the following payments:
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| Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £504.31 | (Chq 100648) |
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20. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson**- Unable to attend
21. **Points to be raised at the next meeting**
- Grants
 - Parish risk assessment document
 - Defibrillator
22. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November, 2013 in Ainstable Church Institute.

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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Meeting closed at 9.23pm