

# Ainstable Parish Council

Serving the villages of Ainstable, Croglin, Newbiggin, and Ruckcroft,  
the communities of Dale and Longdales, and the surrounding farms and houses

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## Ordinary Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council

held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 18 November 2014.

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Thirwall, Cllr Bellis, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Smith, Cllr, Cllr Guise, Cllr Miller,  
Cllr Little & County, Cllr Ritchie & District Cllr Robinson

1. **Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins)- Nothing.**

### Parish Council Meeting

2. **Declaration of interests:** None
3. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Vear (working) & Cllr Collinge (working)
4. **It was resolved to accept the minutes of the following meeting as a true record:**
  - a. The last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2014 (proposed by Cllr Guise, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote)
5. **To discuss the co-option of new councillors**

It was noted that the only vacancy is currently in Newbiggin. There were no volunteers.
6. **To discuss Neighbourhood Planning and vote upon whether to go ahead**

Following the presentation and discussion at the September meeting it was resolved to go ahead with drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan (proposed by Cllr Findlay, seconded by Cllr Bellis, unanimous vote).
7. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**
  - It was reported that a meeting of Croglin Flooding Group had taken place where it was agreed that the problem is now 95% resolved. There is now a drain from the light downwards and the kerb needs to be raised. It was noted that a debris filter is now needed (at a projected cost of £1000) to prevent drains becoming blocked. It was agreed that a grant application form be completed and submitted.
8. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish**

It was noted that the footpath sign has been removed at switch backs near Hazelgill.
9. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**
  - Some repairs have been carried out in Ainstable village
  - Signpost- not repaired yet
  - Some white lines painted
10. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**

Cllr Vear had sent a report noting that phase one of the work is now complete. It was reported that there is still one sign missing at High Northsceugh. It was agreed that the signs are all looking good and councillors reported having received favourable comments from parishioners.

Councillors questioned whether to go ahead with the next phase and agreed that the item be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

**11. To receive a report on the Millennium Green**

It was agreed that the Green looks good and has been well maintained, but the signs appear rather shabby. It was agreed that the Clerk get a quote for new signs (Cllr Smith agreed to send details of the signs to the Clerk to do this) and the item be placed on the January agenda.

**12. To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation-** Nothing to report

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

It was reported that Mr Kevin moffatt has had one fitted to the side of his garage in Ainstable but a further six defibrilators are needed to cover the whole parish. It was agreed that some signs are needed to denote where the defibrilator in Ainstable is (as it may be difficult to find in an emergency situation). It was noted that there is a standard sign for a defibrillator which could be put on a small sign. It was suggested that the parish contact Lauren Watson from Calthwaite as some funding is available. It was also agreed that some highways lighting is needed in the area where the boxes are to be sited. It was suggested that a priority plan be drawn up with the scheme being run by volunteers from around the parish. Cllr Bellis said that it sounded like something that should be done but would need someone to lead on it. It was suggested that fundraising should take place within villages. It was suggested that one could possibly be sited in the pub in croglin. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain quotes for two signs for the debrilator in Ainstable.

**14. To receive an update on special projects:**

- a. Newbiggin bus shelter- Now in place. Still awaiting the two benches and sign for it.
- b. Parish noticeboards- Cllr Little to resend the quotes to Cllr Bellis. It was suggested that the signs could be repainted by those within the village. It was also questioned as to whether the noticeboard at Longdales be moved to a more convenient position.
- c. Flooding in Croglin- covered already.
- d. New noticeboard & bench in Croglin- It was agreed to wait before replacing the bench in Croglin or positioning a new one in Ainstable.

**15. To discuss dog fouling in villages-** Cllr Findlay reported that there are no recent developments.

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

- a. Website- up to date. Cllr Bellis said that more pictures are needed. The Clerk offered to send agendas and minutes to be included on the site.
- b. Parish news
- c. Newsletter- Councillors are asked to send articles for inclusion to Cllr Vear.
- d. Parish File

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

Property in Ainstable- December planning committee meeting

- It was noted that it is believed that Mr Russell Bowman is planning to submit an appeal against the decision on his recent wind turbine application for the site near Ainstable.

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

**19. To consider correspondence received**

- A member of the Village Hall committee asked why they hadn't received grant money for the last couple of years. The Clerk said that she hadn't received letters from the group and two of the copies produced had an incorrect address on them. The Clerk said that there was more to this than the Village Hall requests being ignored as the Parish Council and she

would need to ask Cllr Vear to clarify the situation as he had spoken to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee directly about it.

- It has been brought to councillors attention that access to Broomrigg Plantation is causing some problems. Cllr Miller volunteered to help Cllr Vear look into the matter as historically the site has been used by many people for a long period of time.

## 20. To discuss finances

### a. To pay bills due

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Croglin Village Hall	£ 45.00	(Chq No: 100678)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£553.10	(Chq No: 100679)
N Ruddick (Maintenance)	£675.00	(Chq No: 100680)
Signpost Restoration Limited	£19476.18	(Chq No: 100681)

- ### b. To discuss grant application for 2015/ 16-
- Applicants are reminded to ensure that their written application is submitted to the Clerk by 6.00pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

### c. To set the precept for 2015/ 16

After reviewing the cashflow statement, Cllr Findlay proposed that the precept, which had remained unchanged at £9750 for some years, be increased to £10 000 (Cllr Smith seconded this). Cllr Bellis made a counter proposal that it remain unchanged at £9750 and Cllr Little seconded this. After voting it was resolved to leave the precept unchanged at £9750.

## 21. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson:

- Some funding available for community group and local organisations are encouraged to apply.
- Roads repairs are finally underway.
- Some of Croglin need some extra work- Cllr Robinson agreed to ask Mr John Banks of Highways about this as some areas of roads have not been marked out as yet.
- Community Conference- 10-3pm Melmerby Village Hall. Social health and well being for Eden being discussed in various sessions. Cllr Robinson said that Neighbourhood Planning needs to feed into this meeting to influence decision making.
- Request a visit for the lights- Clerk to contact Mr Chris Slater to do this.

## 22. Points to be raised at the next meeting

- Public access to Broomrigg Plantation
- Superfast broadband in the parish
- Ainstable Church Institute grant monies
- Funding for flood gate in Croglin
- Grants

(Move Cllr Robinson agenda point higher up the agenda)

## 23. Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 in Ainstable Church Institute

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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