

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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Annual General Meeting of

Ainstable Millennium Green Trust and Ainstable Parish Council

held in Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015.

This was followed by the ordinary bi-monthly meeting of **Ainstable Parish Council**.

Present: Cllr J Thirlwall, Cllr H Bellis, Cllr A Ritchie, Cllr C Guise, Cllr N Vear, Cllr H Proud,
Cllr G Proud, Cllr H Little, Cllr D Smith & Cllr D Bradshaw

Parish Council AGM

- 1. To elect a Chairman for Council Year 2015/16.**
Cllr Vear (Proposed by Cllr Thirlwall, seconded by Cllr H Proud, unanimous vote).
- 2. To receive the Chairman's signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
The Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3. To elect a Vice Chairman for Council Year 2015/16.**
Cllr Thirlwall (Proposed by Cllr C Guise, seconded by Cllr H Bellis, unanimous vote).
- 4. To receive councillors' signed Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms.**
Councillors signed Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms.
- 5. To discuss co-opting new councillors to fill any vacancies where necessary.**
It was noted that there is still a vacancy for Newbiggin & Croglin ward. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy and hopefully fill it with a parishioner to represent Newbiggin village.
- 6. To receive apologies - County & District Cllr Robinson (away).**
- 7. To resolve to accept the minutes of the last AGM held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 as a true record.**
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last AGM held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 as a true record (proposed by Cllr H Bellis, seconded by Cllr C Guise, unanimous vote).
- 8. To appoint representatives to outside bodies.**
Cllr J Thirlwall (Croglin Educational Trust), CALC - open to everyone, Cllr H Bellis (Superfast Broadband)
- 9. To appoint committees and sub-committees.**
Croglin Flood Defence sub-committee - Cllr J Thirlwall, Cllr H Little, Cllr H Bellis & Cllr A Ritchie.
Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee to be established during the year.

Ainstable Millennium Green Trust AGM

- 10. To receive apologies-** County & District Cllr Robinson (away)
- 11. To resolve to accept the minutes of the last AGM held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 as a true record.**
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last A.G.M. held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 as a true record (proposed by Cllr C Guise, seconded by Cllr H Bellis).
- 12. To receive a presentation of finances.**
The Clerk reported that the balance of the CCLA account is £3,069.63 (31 Mar 2015).
For the benefit of the new councillors Cllr N Vear explained how the Millennium Green Trust operates.

Public Meeting

- Signs to mark out the defibrillator- It was agreed to get quotations from Eden Graphics and Image Sign Makers (Scotby) for the six signs. At the last meeting the purchase of only three signs were approved.
- Mr N Ruddick wondered if the parish council had any plans to encourage use of the Millennium Green, including other facilities for older children. It was noted that the Green has been used by Armathwaite School and the Brownies in the past. It was agreed that events including fireworks and a cycle track would impact unfavourably on neighbouring properties. Cllr N Vear said that he was in favour of maintaining the play equipment but wouldn't wish to cause friction in the village by any further developing. It was suggested that other activities for young people be set up – Cllr Vear said there had been a youth club. It was agreed to include a point on the July agenda.

Ordinary Bi-Monthly Parish Council Meeting

13. **Declaration of interests** - None
14. **To receive apologies for absence** - County & District Cllr Robinson (away)
15. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the following meeting as a true record:**
 - a. The last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2015- to be held over to July meeting as councillors had not received a copy of the minutes.
16. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson** - Nothing
17. **To receive an update on Neighbourhood Planning** - Cllr N Vear explained the plan to new councillors. It was reported that a survey can be sent with a letter from Eden District Council (funded by the district council) or a public meeting. Cllr J Thirlwall suggested the letter be sent by EDC to all houses in the parish. Cllr A Ritchie suggested that public meetings be held as well once the letter has been sent out. It was agreed to hold two meetings - one in each side of the parish. Cllr N Vear, Cllr H Little, Cllr A Ritchie and Cllr H Bellis agreed to form a subcommittee. It was agreed to send Cllr H Proud, Cllr G Proud and Cllr D Bradshaw a copy of the minutes of the meeting where Fergus Mcmorrow spoke about drawing up Neighbourhood Plans.
18. **Report from attendance at outside bodies.**

Cllr H Bellis said that he had attended a Hub Co-ordinators meeting.
19. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish.**

Cllr H Little reported that there had been a suspicious car in Croglin. Parishioners are reminded to report anything suspicious immediately to the Police using the 101 number. It was noted that there had been a fracas outside the Heather Glen in Ainstable recently which had resulted in some criminal damage.
20. **To discuss any Highways matters arising.**

Cllr N Vear explained to the new councillors that Cllr H Bellis is the point of contact with Cumbria Highways. The parish does well out of Highways Dept, as we have developed a good working relationship with them. It was noted that the tree in Croglin was cut down quickly, and three roads in the parish will be surface dressed in the near future. Give Way signs and white lines are still to paint on the Hazelgill road. It was noted that in Newbiggin there is damage to the small bridge and in Ainstable a dip has appeared in the road near the crossroads. It was noted that there has been patching work carried out throughout the villages with temporary patches used to fill potholes.

Cllr H Little reported that a footpath sign was still waiting to be done, this was reported some time ago.

Cllr D Bradshaw said that he was concerned about the roads and waste collection services in the Towngate area and agreed to produce a report for the July meeting.

21. To receive a report on the Millennium Green.

Cllr N Vear reported that at present Mr N Ruddick looks after the maintenance of the area. Mr Ruddick said that he has been carrying out the equipment inspections and cutting undergrowth down near the play area itself. It was noted that the pathway has been sprayed and wood chips spread. Cllr D Bradshaw offered some extra wood chips if needed. Councillors agreed that the site is looking a lot nicer now that the brambles have been cut back and bluebells are coming through.

22. To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation.

Cllr J Thirlwall said that applications are due shortly for the next academic year.

23. To discuss superfast broadband in the Parish.

Cllr H Bellis reported that the service was supposed to have arrived by last December and is not yet in place. Cllr H Bellis also said that the next meeting is in two weeks. It is now proposed that there will be three cabinets in the parish but the position of them is not yet certain. Parishioners are reminded that they can get information on the Connecting Cumbria website.

24. To discuss the signage for the defibrillator in the parish.

It was agreed at the March meeting to carry out fundraising in each community and to include an agenda point in the July meeting to decide upon a strategy.

25. To receive an update on special projects:

- a. Parish noticeboards- Cllr H Bellis said that he would get a quote for the Longdales noticeboard. It was agreed that a couple of comparison quotes are also needed. It was also noted that the board at Ruckcroft needs a new leg. Cllr H Bellis agreed to take the matter forward.
- b. Bench – Ainstable Church - It was noted that a screw has come out. It was agreed to ask Eric Bell to repair the bench, and to look at moving it forward away from the hedge.
- c. Replacement benches - It was agreed to start a cycle of bench replacements. Cllr H Bellis agreed to circulate pictures of the benches from a survey.
- d. Flooding in Croglin-The £833 (£1,000 less the vat) grant money has now been received to buy additional Hydrosnakes. It was agreed that Cllr H Little email the invoice to the Clerk to get a cheque.

26. To discuss any matters relating to communications.

- a. Website - Cllr H Bellis reported that the website is nearly up to date, but still needs some minutes.
- b. Parish news - Cllr D Smith reported that he still submits information for inclusion in the newsletter, it was suggested that the parish news entry should include meeting dates for the full year.
- c. Newsletter - It was agreed that the next newsletter could feature the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- d. Cllr H Little again promised to submit precis minutes for inclusion in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald.
- e. Parish File - The file holds key information including a large scale map.

27. To consider planning applications made and other planning matters.

Change of use of Croglin Church - It was agreed to object in principle as a parish council and hold a public meeting in Croglin Village Hall as an extraordinary parish council meeting. Cllr N Vear proposed to write a reply to the Church Commissioners saying that the community has voiced various views and the parish council will be holding an extraordinary meeting. Cllr G Proud seconded this.

The meeting date was set as 7.30pm on Monday 1 June in Croglin Village Hall.

Cllr N Vear said that he would invite Norman Bilsborough to attend. It was agreed to put agendas the on noticeboards to advertise the meeting, and to leaflet the houses in Croglin village about the church.

28. To notify the Council of planning decisions received

15/0098	Miss N Read, 3 Barugh Cottages, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RQ	Granted
15/0245	Mr & Mrs Wilson, Whinney House, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9QA	Granted

29. To consider correspondence received.

Cllr A Ritchie asked to go to the footway lighting with Cllr J Thirlwall and Chris Slater on Tuesday 26 May.

30. To discuss finances.

Cllr N Vear gave out copies of a spreadsheet to councillors, and explained the finances of the parish council. He detailed the grants and payments made over the past year.

a. To pay bills due- (proposed by Cllr N Vear, seconded by Cllr H Bellis, unanimous vote)		
Ainstable Church Institute (Hall Hire)	£ 67.50	(Chq. No. 100687)
CALC (Subs 2014/15)	£ 171.00	(Chq. No. 100688)
CALC (Subs 2015/16)	£177.00	(Chq. No. 100689)
Ecclesiastical Insurance (Millennium Green)	£352.74	(Chq. No. 100690)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£503.07	(Chq. No. 100691)
Spoilt		(Chq. No. 100692)
Fellrunner Village Bus Ltd.	£135.00	(Chq. No. 100693)
Great North Air Ambulance	£500.00	(Chq. No. 100694)
Eden Valley Flix	£250.00	(Chq. No. 100695)
St Michael & All Angels	£700.00	(Chq. No. 100696)

b. **To approve the Annual Return 2014/15.**

It was agreed to approve the Annual Return at the extraordinary meeting.

c. **To sign new bank mandate** - to be signed at the July meeting.

31. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Usual agenda points.

Councillors were invited to prepare idea for projects.

32. Date of the next meeting.

7.30pm on Tuesday 21 July, 2015 in Croglin Village Hall.

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

19 May 2015