

# Ainstable Parish Council

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

**Chairman: Nigel Vear,**  
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Extraordinary Public Meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 Nov 2015.

## Minutes

**In attendance** Cllr N Vear, Cllr J Thirwell, Cllr H Bellis, Cllr H Little, Cllr D Smith, Cllr H Proud,  
Cllr G Proud, Cllr D Bradshaw, Cllr C Guise, Cllr A Ritchie

### 1) Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).

Dog Mess seems to be on the rise again. This appears to be a small to medium size dog. The problem is coming back along verges. Could a reminder be sent to households again? The parish council still has some green leaflets. Part of the problem is the dark winter days, and leaves on the ground hiding the problem.

The Chairman, and other councillors, advised the best way say something to them, but that if names and/or addresses can be obtained then this can be passed to Eden District Council who will send out warning and enforcement notices.

Litter bins and dog mess bins do not appear to be being emptied. The Chairman will email the relevant department at EDC.

The bench at Ainstable Church needs repair. A slat needs to be removed and new screws put in.  
Ainstable defibrillator – this still needs signs to show where it is.

Sandbags up on the Ruckcroft road – Cllr H Bellis has recovered some – Cllr D Smith will recover the remaining sandbags.

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### 2) Declarations of interests.

### 3) To receive apologies for absence.

County & District Cllr M Robinson

### 4) To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tues 17 Nov 2015 as a true record.

Proposed Cllr H Proud, seconded Cllr D Smith.

### 5) To discuss the major parish projects for the coming year.

#### a) Streetlights

The meeting referred to a charge being made for streetlights being added to the precept in the late 1970s or early 1980s. £1.22 was added on the precept in the mid 1990s specifically for streetlights. It was resolved to ask Eden District Council for new lights in Towngate and Croglin with the parish council paying the capital cost and the district council adopting the lights.

The chairman to email the request for the new lights for Croglin and Towngate, and also to ask about a new light for Croglin village hall.

New standard pole streetlights cost approximately £2,500 – building mounted should be less.

#### b) Parish noticeboards

The meeting discussed the requirements for noticeboards within the parish, and resolved to retain the noticeboards at Ruckcroft, Ainstable, Croglin, Newbiggin, and Armathwaite.

It was resolved to do minimal maintenance to the noticeboards at Ruckcroft and Armathwaite to extend their life until new noticeboards can be funded. Longdale has now been removed.

Cllr H Bellis and Cllr D Bradshaw agreed to work on a design and to request quotes for new noticeboards prior to applying for grants. It is expected that suitable noticeboard may cost in the region of £1,500 to £2,000 each. These would need to be grant funded.

#### **Traditional signposts**

The Chairman explained the history of the traditional signpost project. It was always intended that there should be another 3 traditional signposts at Newbiggin, Armathwaite, and Croglin. It was resolved to apply for grant funding to carry on this project whenever funds can be found to make it feasible.

#### **c) Benches**

The meeting discussed the 2 new benches at Ainstable church and Newbiggin. It was felt that the other wooden benches were still in a usable condition, and not to proceed with this project at present.

#### **d) Defibrillators**

Cllr A Ritchie and Cllr H Little to apply for defibrillators for Croglin PO & Village Hall as the Croglin Defibrillator Group. The Chairman to proceed with the BHF application for Ruckcroft, Newbiggin, Longdale, Streethouse, and Towngate.

The BHF will fund 100% of the cost of the defibrillators but the parish council will have to pay for installation and signage.

#### **6) To discuss and set the precept for the coming financial year**

The meeting discussed the precept. It was accepted that the precept had not changed for some considerable time, 10 years plus. The meeting discussed the major projects and the regular ongoing expenses the parish has. The parish council has reduced nearly all of the regular grants and expenses to the minimum, but is faced with rising costs. It was agreed that there was a genuine need to raise the precept, and to review this on an annual basis. The meeting agreed to raise the precept from £9,750 to £12,000. This rise will add approximately £5.50 annually to a Band D property. Proposed by Cllr G Proud, seconded by Cllr D Smith. 7 councillors voted for the rise 3 abstained.

#### **7) To consider correspondence received.**

CALC AGM minutes – emailed to councillors.

#### **8) Points to be raised at the next meeting.**

Ainstable and Croglin churchyard funding  
Drain below black barn below Faugh Head  
Meeting of the Millennium Green Trust  
Parish Land – registration  
Bridleways & Footpaths  
Co-option of a new councillor

#### **9) Date of the next meeting – Tues 19 Jan 2016.**

Signed: *Nigel Vear*

Chairman of Ainstable Parish Council

24 Nov 2015