

# 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 17 March 2015

**Present:** Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Bellis, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Miller, Cllr Little, Cllr Guise, Cllr Smith & County & District Cllr Robinson

## Draft Minutes

1. **Open Meeting** - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins)- No points raised.

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2. **Declaration of interests-** None
3. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Vear & Cllr Ritchie
4. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the following meeting as a true record:**
  - a. The last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 (proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote).
5. **To discuss the co-option of new councillors-** The Clerk gave out nomination papers to those who wished to put their names forward.
6. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson**

Cllr Robinson said that she had chaired a meeting of the Community Safety Partnership which is trying to reduce crime across Carlisle and Eden. It was noted that there is a spike in rural crime along the fell edge and a project is being put together to tackle this. There is a problem with criminals coming across from the north east. They are changing vehicles regularly which means they are more difficult to trace. Parishioners are reminded to report everything suspicious immediately. Cllr Robinson reported that there is some displacement of criminal activity from the north east because of measures that are working over there. It was reported that there had been some cases of sheep worrying in Renwick. Cllr Robinson said applications to the Community Fund are welcome from community groups (e.g. Village Hall, Youth groups). Cllr Robinson said that a stage of the Tour of Britain is to come over Hartside.
7. **To receive an update on Neighbourhood Planning-** Nothing to report at present.
8. **Report from attendance at outside bodies-** Cllr Bellis reported that he had attended a Broadband Hub Coordinators meeting. It is hoped that Croglin will be joined up this summer, with three cabinets instead of one. Phase one of the roll out must be completed by the end of this year and Croglin is definitely included in it. Cllr Bellis to circulate the minutes of the joint meeting.
9. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish-** Sheep worrying noted above.
10. **To discuss any Highways matters arising-** It was noted that some patches of newly laid tarmac is coming out already. Cllr Collinge said that he felt that Highways Dept. seem to be doing a better

job than Amey did. Cllr Smith said that there is still a problem with the drains behind the Heather Glen. It was noted that a camera inspection is needed as the drains keep filling with silt and stones. It was noted that the tree on the side of the road in Croglin (coming out of Croglin on the road up the hill) need to be reported.

11. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish-** Invoice to be paid.
12. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green-** Councillors agreed that the Green is looking nice and tidy. Councillors agreed to pay for the bulbs. Neil Ruddick reported that he had cleared a big bush out which was covering the second bench. He took it down and hired a chipper to clear it. Mr Ruddick reported that he has carried out the regular inspections and handed the Clerk the routine inspection forms, saying that the play equipment is in good repair. Mr Ruddick said that he is making a wigwam out of willow and the grass is just starting to grow again. It was agreed that a improved sign is needed and Cllr Smith agreed to send the wording to the Clerk so that she could get a quote for a replacement.
13. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation-** Cllr Thirlwall reported that there had recently been a committee meeting. Applications for this year's grants are to be submitted by the end of June 2015.
14. **To discuss superfast broadband in the Parish-** already covered.
15. **To discuss the provision of a defibrillator in the parish-** County & District Robinson said that there were no grants available at present. It was agreed that a way forward would be local fund raising and an infrastructure established so that the community knows what to do in case of an emergency. Cllr Little agreed to take the project forward in Croglin (with fundraising, try to obtain funding from outside bodies and attend training courses). It was agreed that village fundraising will increase community awareness.
16. **To receive an update on special projects:**
  - a. Newbiggin bus shelter- all finished.
  - b. Parish noticeboards- Cllr Bellis reported that he had surveyed the boards. It was agreed that funding is needed as they are in a poor state of repair. It was suggested that perhaps the Longdales sign could be moved into the community.
  - c. Flooding in Croglin- Grant funding for more Hydrosnakes is due shortly. It was agreed that as the drains are working better now the spare snakes could be passed around the village to those that need them and a few houses in Ainstable would also benefit from them (two properties are susceptible). It was also agreed that Ruckcroft would also benefit from some Hydrosnakes to divert flood water across fields. County & District Cllr Robinson agreed to speak to Helen Renyard about the problems. It was proposed that the Parish Council buy the remaining snakes (proposed by Cllr Bellis, seconded by Cllr Little, unanimous vote).
  - d. New noticeboard & bench in Croglin- It was agreed that there is nowhere suitable to put a new bench.
  - e. Bench at the church- It was noted that the bench is bowing and forcing the screws out (maybe caused by icing), but as it is under guarantee, it was agreed to contact the company that supplied it. It was suggested that it needs to be moved forward as the hedge can't be cut back any further and new bolts installed.

- f. Report dog fouling to the Police and they will deal with it. It was noted that there is a problem with fouling in Ainstable village still. If reported Dog Warden letters can be sent out.

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

- a. Website- Cllr Bellis reported that the site is up-to-date. It was noted that there are some minutes to update on the site. Cllr Bellis said that the public are using the site and sending messages on it.
- b. Parish News- It was reported that details of the meetings are supposed to be included in the Parish News. It was suggested that the highlights of the minutes be included in the Herald and Cllr Little agreed to send a resume to the paper.
- c. Newsletter- nothing
- d. Parish File- Up to date

**18. To consider planning applications made and other planning matters-** None.

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

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

**21. To discuss finances**

- a. It was resolved the pay the bills due (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote):
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| Signpost Restoration Limited    | £3686.86 | (Chq No: 100684) |
| Clerk's Salary & Expenses       | £ 495.71 | (Chq No: 100685) |
| Neil Ruddick (Millennium Green) | £ 204.81 | (Chq No: 100686) |
- b. To sign new bank mandate- It was agreed that the new council sign the mandate after the election.

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

- Speed limit in Ruckcroft- County & District Cllr Robinson to take forward

**23. Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in Croglin Village Hall (A.G.M., A.G.M. of Ainstable Millennium Green Trust followed by the ordinary bi-monthly meeting)

Signed: R.E. Lytollis

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

10 March 2015