

# 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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Ordinary Public Meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17 November 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, County & District Cllr M Robinson

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

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- 2) **Declarations of interests.**

Cllr D Smith planning application for Heather Glen.

- 3) **To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr C Guise and Cllr A Ritche.

- 4) **To discuss the co-option of a new councillor for Newbiggin.**

Following the lack of success in recruiting a councillor from Newbiggin, co-option notices for casual vacancy to be placed on all parish noticeboards with a view to recruiting from the wider parish.

- 5) **To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tues 15 Sept 2015 as a true record.**

Proposed by Cllr H Proud 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr D Smith.

- 6) **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson.**

Currently waiting for John Banks, Cumbria Highways, on renewing road markings. This has been ongoing for several months. The problem is these are covered in various area contracts. Missing markings are OK for locals, but strangers do not have much clue which roads have priority. Highways are coming to the parish Fri 20 Nov to discuss specific issues. The new section of road by the crossroads above Ainstable was not dug down to find the drain before surfacing. This may become a recurring problem in the future, and will be referred to Cumbria Highways. The hedge above the Heather Glen is to be cut back. Budgets have been cut making some routine maintenance impossible and hence not completed. Budget consultation is out to parishes, all parishes are encouraged to respond. Can volunteers do any work, yes we are covered by insurance but work must be done to required standards. Combined authority does not go far enough – elected mayor and existing council structure still needs some thinking.

- 7) **To discuss the closure of Lazonby Fire Station.**

Some of the data used for the argument to close the fire station seems to be out of date. Penrith and Carlisle are full time, but some distance from our parish. Chairman to write to object to the closure of Lazonby.

- 8) **To discuss the appointment of a new parish clerk.**

Parish council to pay LN for the work done, approx. £462. Adverts to be placed on all noticeboards, and in the parish magazine, and in The Herald. Chairman to draft and coordinate with Cllr H Little.

- 9) **To discuss the Standing Orders and Procedures.**

The parish council needs to renew and approve the Standing Orders and Procedures before the next inspection – we do still have an approved set but should check and approve these annually.

**10) To discuss the Transparency Code**

Minor changes to the website. Cllr D Smith and Cllr G Proud to check Land Registry to ensure parish land is registered. Cllr J Thirwell Cllr D Bradshaw to assist with local knowledge.

**11) Report from attendance at outside bodies.**

The Chairman to forward the email of the minutes and notes from the Eden Tripartite meeting to all councillors.

**12) To receive a report on crime in the Parish.**

None listed.

**13) To discuss any Highways matters arising.**

Blink Bonny drainage ditch not being cleared out. Pavement in Croglin is a trip hazard. Give way sign at Hazel Gill still not repaired. To cut the hedge above the Heather Glen.

**14) To discuss re-applying for an extension to the 30mph limits in the parish.**

Cllr H Bellis to discuss with Cumbria Highways on Fri 20 Nov 2015. Chairman to write a letter if required.

**15) To receive a report on the development of Broadband in the parish.**

Nothing to report since last meeting. Cllr H Bellis will send out details for next meeting in 2 weeks' time. Ainstable Parish may become a Phase 2 Area as some parts of the parish cannot get broadband any other way.

**16) To discuss potential plans for the development and use of St John's Church, Croglin.**

Email sent 9 Oct 2015 to Carlisle Diocese office thanking them for the opportunity to discuss this locally. Diocese office advised that no local consensus, but all opposed to any development which would cause additional noise or parking in the centre of the village. Also advised that there is a huge weight of public opinion regarding the retention of the graveyard. No reply as yet. Chairman to email again requesting answers to the questions about the land which was given to support the church in Croglin. 100 acres either side of the road at Hazel Gill – one lot sold off the other is still rented – rectory and farm in Croglin and 27 acres – 300 acres of fell land.

**17) To discuss streetlights.**

Light out in Croglin. Councillors unanimous in the objection to the loss of lights around the whole parish. To be discussed at an extra-ordinary meeting on Tues 24 Nov 2015, along with other projects.

**18) To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.**

The parish council was unanimous in a decision not to proceed. Proposed Cllr H Proud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr N Vear.

**19) To discuss the Parish noticeboards.**

Quote received to repaint/repair existing noticeboard – £650 + vat. To be discussed at an extra-ordinary meeting on Tues 24 Nov 2015, along with other projects.

**20) To discuss the Flooding in Croglin & Ruckcroft.**

Cllr H Bellis to refer to John Banks, Cumbria Highways on Fri 20 Nov 2015.

**21) To discuss Defibrillators**

Application put into British Heart Foundation for 3 defibrillators. Parish council advised to apply for additional units. Chairman to modify application to include Croglin, Newbiggin, Ruckcroft, Longdale, Street House.

**22) To discuss any matters relating to communications.**

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

Heather Glen. Chairman to write to Eden Planning to say we agree with proposed development in principle, but are unhappy with the wood frontage to the west elevation of the proposed building. We would insist on a sandstone facing in keeping with the rest of the building, before it meets our full approval. If this cannot be agreed with the delegated powers, we would insist that this planning application is sent to the planning committee for their consideration.

**23) To consider correspondence received. Eden Local Plan**

Passed to Cllr H Bellis.

**24) To discuss finances.**

To be discussed at an extra-ordinary meeting on Tues 24 Nov 2015, along with other projects.

**25) To pay bills due.**

Ainstable Church – £700 – Chairman to request a detailed breakdown for future years.

Neil Ruddik, Millennium Green maintenance – £675.

BDO LLP, annual inspection – £276.

Fellrunner – £90.30.

Information Commissioner – £35 – direct debit.

**26) Points to be raised at the next meeting.**

Parking in Ainstable and Armathwaite.

Boulders on grass verges.

**27) Date of the next meeting – Ainstable Church Institute.**

Extraordinary meeting – Tues 24 Nov 2015

Ordinary meeting – Tues 19 Jan 2016

Signed: *Nigel Vear*

Chairman of Ainstable Parish Council

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