

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 Public Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council
held in Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th July 2016.**

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In attendance: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr A Ritchie; Cllr H Bellis; Cllr C Guise; County & District Cllr M Robinson; Kimberley Lawson (Clerk); 1 member of the public

1. Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).
None

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2. Declarations of interests.
None
3. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr J Thirlwall, Cllr D Bradshaw, Cllr H Proud, Cllr G Proud and Cllr D Smith.
4. To discuss the co-option of a councillor for Newbiggin and Croglin.
It was agreed that Cllr Vear will organise a leaflet drop in Croglin ward.
5. To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 17th May 2016 as a true record.
It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.
6. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson.
There is £50k in this year's Highways budget for flood alleviation works near Heather Glen. There has been no news of the consultation, due to start in July, to the change to the 30mph zone, - Cllr Robinson to follow up. Report on Connecting Cumbria – phase 2 is unlikely to cover any of the parish not already covered by phase 1. So far there is a low take-up of Superfast Broadband in Eden as a whole compared to the rest of Cumbria. There is grant funding currently available through Eden Community Fund and Neighbourhood Forum.
7. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance:
The Clerk reported that she is now able to deal with Barclays Bank, has received several years' worth of copy bank statements and has begun constructing accounts for the financial years ending 31st March 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Unity Bank application is progressing.
 - 7.1. Approve the payment of Bills due
The following bills were approved for payment:

7.1.1. Greenbarnes Ltd	£	891.82
7.1.2. CALC	£	29.50
7.1.3. CPSL	£	14.40
7.1.4. AON	£	330.72
7.1.5. T S Irving Joinery	£	468.00

7.1.6. Green Urban	£	120.00
7.1.7. K Lawson (July)	£	304.90
7.1.8. K Lawson (August)	£	249.98
7.1.9. CPSL (July)	£	14.40
7.1.10. CALC	£	29.50

7.2. Approve the payment of Grants

The following grant was approved for payment:

7.2.1. Flix Eden Valley	£	250.00
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7.3. Appoint a councillor to confirm Bank Reconciliation for Q2

Cllr Ritchie will continue with bank reconciliation until further notice.

7.4. Feedback on historic accounts discrepancy

The Clerk reported that this discrepancy has now been identified and the financial records corrected accordingly.

8. Reports from attendance at outside bodies.

Cllr Bellis reported on an EALC meeting which covered flood damage to footpaths, power lines to Sellafield and mobile phone coverage.

The Clerk reported on two CALC training events she has attended; Asset Transfer and the Clerk's Forum.

9. To receive a report on crime in the Parish.

Nothing reported

10. To discuss any Highways matters arising.

Cllr Robinson reported that a complaint has been made to Rory Stewart MP about the dangers of the Armathwaite turning off the A6, including speed of traffic and long grass on the verges restricting visibility.

Cllr Bellis reported that the problems in Ruckcroft have now been resolved. Highways has committed to the works on the ditches by the Heather Glen. The landowners have begun to dig out the ditches.

11. To receive a report on the development of Broadband in the parish.

11.1. Digital Inclusion Event

It was resolved to hold at least one Digital Inclusion Event in the parish. The venue must have broadband; Cllr Bellis to enquire whether it could be held at the Heather Glen. The Clerk to approach Hesket and Kirkoswald Clerks to invite those councils to take part.

Cllr Robinson left the meeting

12. To discuss the replacement programme for parish benches.

The two new benches have been delivered and are awaiting installation. Longdales bench has gone. Other Millennium Green bench could be replaced.

It was resolved that the Clerk will begin the application process to the Eden Community Fund for replacement noticeboards (longer term project) and two new benches for Longdales and the Millennium Green.

13. To discuss maintenance of parish assets.

It was resolved that Cllr Vear will ask Morland Garden Buildings to quote for new bus shelter with a window in the direction the bus comes, on a concrete base with a course of bricks to replace the existing one in Ainstable. It was also resolved to try and place bus stops at Longdales by the T-junction and in Ruckcroft by the cast iron sign; Cllr Vear will also ask for a quotation for these two. It is desirable to place one in Croglin but no suitable site has been identified.

The registration of the parish land is progressing slowly.

14. To discuss any matters relating to communications.

Website – it was agreed to add a page for the Millennium Green. Cllr Bellis to provide a login to the Clerk. Cllr Vear to send Cllr Bellis a site plan.

14.1. Transparency Code

It was resolved to publish the full accounts on the website to fulfil the requirement to publish items over £100. The Clerk will provide this and scans of the audit paperwork to Cllr Bellis for publication.

14.2. Newsletter

Cllr Vear to provide Word template to the Clerk. A list of topics was agreed.

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

16/0315 Holme House Dale - The Council is in favour of the Livestock shed at Dale provided the effluent drainage is properly dealt with to minimise any environmental impact.

16. To discuss bridleways and footpaths.

Cllr Vear reported the Parish Council has been given a set of historical maps, footpath surveys and the enclosure for Croglin. The Clerk to investigate having them conserved.

Cllr Ritchie to ask walkers in Croglin and Eric Guise agreed to ask Penrith Ramblers to photograph any damaged stiles or gates and provide those, with a grid reference, to the Parish Council for action.

17. To discuss defibrillators.

Croglin defibrillator has been installed. Cllr Ritchie is organising training event with the First Responders.

17.1. Signage for existing defibrillators.

It was agreed that the Clerk will approach Cumbria County Council for advice on suitable wording, size of signs, and what the signs will be fixed to.

17.2. Requirement for additional units.

Cllr Ritchie to apply to the British Heart Foundation for one at Croglin Village Hall and one for top end of Newbiggin. Cllr Vear to apply to British Heart Foundation to also apply to for top end of Newbiggin, Ruckroft, Longdales, 2 in Ainstable at Village Hall & Heather Glen.

18. To discuss plans for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Somme Centenary commemoration.

It was resolved that the Clerk will order two new poppy wreaths for November from Royal British Legion, and to include information about the parish war graves on the website.

19. To consider correspondence received.

None

20. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Review Statutory documents (this will be a regular item)

Budget review

21. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 20th September 2016.

Signed

Date