

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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The Annual General Meetings of
Ainstable Parish Council and Ainstable Millennium Green Trust
held at Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th May 2016.

Followed by the ordinary bi-monthly meeting of **Ainstable Parish Council**

Minutes

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

There was a question from a member of public about a letter she, and several other Ainstable residents, have received concerning land registry for mineral rights. The Chairman reported that he has written to the landowner, Charles Ecroyd, and is awaiting a reply. In order to challenge Mr Ecroyd's claim to mineral rights, home owners need historical documents dating from before 1821 that confirm that estate rights have been transferred to their property. The Chairman also stated that it is highly unlikely that planning permission for mining would be granted in any case. He also confirmed that fracking is not covered by mineral rights and requires a Crown licence. Residents can contact the Land Registry to request an extension to the deadline stated in their letters.

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25. Declarations of interests.

None

26. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Guise

27. To discuss the co-option of councillors for Newbiggin and Croglin.

This was already discussed as part of the AGM

28. To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tues 15 Mar 2016 as a true record.

It was resolved to accept the minutes and they were signed by the Chairman.

29. To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson.

Nothing received

30. To discuss the Millennium Green Trust.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council pays for insurance and maintenance for the Millennium Green from the Precept. The Parish Council does not own the land but, as the sole Trustee for the Trust, has a duty to administer it. The money in the Trust's account is intended for emergencies, equipment replacement, etc.

31. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance:

- a. Approve the payment of Bills due
 - i. Jane Dawes, Internal Audit, £65
 - ii. TS Irving, repair of noticeboards, £312
 - iii. Ainstable Church Institute, hall hire, £137
 - iv. Nigel Vear, reimburse website hosting, £13.19

- v. Howard Bellis, reimburse land registry fees, £6
 - vi. CALC, membership fees, £177
 - vii. Cumbria Payroll Services, £36
 - viii. Kimberley Lawson, salary & expenses for Apr/May 2016, £389.07
 - ix. Kimberley Lawson, salary for May/June 2016, £227.70
- b. Approve payment to Lindsay Nicholson, £495
 - c. Approve the payment of Grants
 - i. Air Ambulance, £500

The Clerk reported that a new 5-year inspection plan for the Millennium Green equipment has been purchased from Playdale at a cost of £1,050.

32. Reports from attendance at outside bodies.

None

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

The Clerk reported a scam highlighted by the Clerk to Sebergham Parish Council. The scam involved emails sent to the Councillors purporting to be from HMRC.

34. To discuss any Highways matters arising.

HB reported that surface dressing is going on in the area, and drainage work in Ruckroft to prevent flooding has begun. NV reported damaged road surface at Ainstable crossroads. HP reported a pothole by the bridge in Armathwaite. There is no news on 30mph zone – it will be on the agenda for the County Council's July highways meeting. There is a problem with flooding on the road approaching Heather Glen, because the ditch is full. HB confirmed that the position of the Highways Dept is that drainage ditches are the responsibility of landowners. The Clerk will write to Highways asking them to contact the relevant landowners to have the ditches cleared.

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

HB reported that 9 households in Ainstable are possibly getting Fibre to the Home, subject to a survey.

36. To discuss the replacement programme for parish noticeboards.

HB reported that Terry Irving was asked to repair two noticeboards but he has in fact maintained all five in the Parish. The Council has paid for the work on the two originally requested. The standard of repairs is good and has extended the life of the existing boards. It was resolved that the Council will pay for the work on the additional three boards.

37. To discuss the replacement programme for parish benches.

It was resolved to replace one at the Millennium Green and one at Croglin. Eric Bell to be invited install them.

38. To discuss any matters relating to communications.

HB and NV will check the Council's website. All the new governance documents need to be added to comply with transparency code.

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

An application has been submitted under permitted development to build a barn in a field on the road between Ainstable and Ruckroft.

40. To consider correspondence received.

- a. The Clerk has received an email from the Community Warden regarding fly tipping at the old Quarry, Croglin. This land is Common Lane, protected under Section 9 of the Commons Registration Act 1965, which gives the local authority responsibility to maintain it.
- b. A letter about policing at Appleby Horse Fair

41. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Councillors to email them to the Clerk and Chairman. The meeting closed at 22.40

42. Date of the next ordinary meeting

Tues 19 July 2016, 7.30pm at Croglin Village Hall.

Signed: Kimberley Lawson

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

17 May 2016