

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 ordinary bi-monthly meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council
held at Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th September 2016.

Ainstable Parish Council Minutes

In attendance: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr H Bellis; Cllr H Proud; Cllr G Proud; Cllr J Thirlwall; Cllr D Smith; Cllr C Guise; Cllr A Ritchie; Cllr D Bradshaw
Kimberley Lawson (Clerk)

Cllr M Robinson (County Councillor), one 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.

None

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

Cllr Ritchie reported that some new residents have moved in so could be approached. Cllr Robinson will approach her neighbour. Clerk to check whether there is a minimum residency period before someone can stand.

5. To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 19th July 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.

Cllr Bellis asked if there was any progress on the new 30mph signs agreed by Highways earlier this year. Cllr Robinson agreed to look into this.

The Council is putting £50K into the drainage work by the Heather Glen, which is due to start shortly. The Chairman reported that Highways have agreed to allow milk tankers to access the road during the work due to the unsuitability of other routes for large wagons.

7. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance:

Audit – the Clerk reported that the Audit has been concluded with some issues. An additional charge of £30 has been incurred as a result.

The Unity Bank account is now open but Barclays have not yet transferred the council's funds. It was resolved to transfer £10,000 by payment of a cheque.

- 7.1. Review expenditure against the budget
A report of expenditure against budget was circulated.
- 7.2. Approve the use of a Unity Bank credit card for the Clerk
The Clerk reported that Unity Bank no longer offers the pre-paid card that was agreed to at the AGM. They do offer a credit card. The Clerk will find out further information.
- 7.3. Approve the payment of Bills due:
 - 7.3.1. Cumbria Payroll Services £14.40
 - 7.3.2. CALC £5.00
 - 7.3.3. Kimberley Lawson (Sept) £602.89
 - 7.3.4. Kimberley Lawson (Oct) £249.98
 - 7.3.5. Land Registry £30
 - 7.3.6. Cumbria County Council £20
 - 7.3.7. BDO £156
- 7.4. Discuss the payment of grants:
 - 7.4.1. Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group
 - 7.4.2. Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust
 - 7.4.3. The Children's Foundation

It was resolved not to award grants to any of these bodies as they did not apply using the Parish Council's grant application procedure.
8. Reports from attendance at outside bodies.
None
9. To receive a report on crime in the Parish.
Nothing reported
10. To discuss any Highways matters arising.
The drainage work at Heather Glen is going ahead.
The broken finger post at Holmwrangle has been taken by David Gosling, who has provided a quote for the repair work. Highways should pay for the repair and Cllr Vear is awaiting approval from Julian to go ahead with the work.
The sign post at the junction of the Ainstable road (GR – NY 568 475) and the B6143 is missing a finger pointing towards Croglin. This has been reported to Highways previously. Cllr Vear will email Julian to follow up.
Cllr Robinson reported a pothole at Street House on the way to Newbiggin, which she will report to Highways.
Cllr Guise reported a pothole in the Ainstable/Armathwaite road between the Methodist chapel and Faugh Head which needs attention.
11. To receive a report on the development of Broadband in the parish.
 - 11.1. Digital Inclusion Event
Cllr Bellis reported that invitation cards are being distributed and posters going up for the event. The purpose of the event is to help residents get the most out of using the Internet. Coverage to individual properties will not be discussed at the event.
There was some discussion of poor mobile phone coverage in the parish and the concern that with many public phone boxes being removed, residents may be unable to make telephone calls in an emergency. Clerk to write to Rory Stewart to raise the concerns about the impact of poor mobile phone coverage on rural communities.
12. To discuss new bus shelters.
The Chairman reported that he is awaiting feedback from the bus shelter committee and from the Cumbria school transport dept to provide numbers. The only place for a shelter in Croglin is by the

notice board and currently the bus picks up on the other side of the road, raising a concern about children crossing the road. However, no families in Croglin have requested a shelter. Several families in Ruckroft have asked for one.

13. To discuss any matters relating to communications.

13.1. Transparency Code

Clerk reported that all requirements of the transparency code are being met.

13.2. Newsletter

Stories are required for a parish council newsletter.

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

14.1. 16/0443 - Bell House Ainstable – it was noted that this has been granted

14.2. 16/0635 - Bell House Riding School – it was noted that this has been granted

14.3. 16/0760 - Housing for Peak Generator

The Clerk reported that she has lodged an objection in principle with Eden DC. The Chairman is writing a more detailed objection.

15. To discuss the replacement programme for parish benches.

The two new benches have been delivered and are awaiting installation. There are now only two older benches in the parish: Ainstable Crossroads, and one on Millennium Green.

16. To discuss bridleways and footpaths.

A parish survey is needed; it has been several years since the last one. Clerk to request copies of 1:20,000 map from footpath officer for the survey. The following councillors have agreed to survey the footpaths:

Cllr Ritchie – Croglin, and Bramery up to Walmersyke towards Croglin

Cllr Bradshaw – Ainstable church going toward Hornsby gate & down to Fox & Pheasant

Cllr Bellis – Ruckroft & Longdales

Cllr Robinson – Newbiggin

Cllr H Proud – Ainstable chapel to Bascodyke

The councillors will take photos and note any problems.

17. To discuss defibrillators.

17.1. Signage for existing defibrillators.

This is still in progress, awaiting further information and photographs.

17.2. Requirement for additional units.

There is no funding available from BHF at the moment but they may have some in future. Each defibrillator costs approximately £1,500. The Parish Council may consider buying some for the parish.

18. To discuss registration of parish land.

The Clerk reported that she has taken advice from the Parish Council's solicitors and that the Sand Pit registration is ready to go off to the Land Registry. The solicitor has advised the Parish Council to carry out a commons search on the land in Ruckroft prior to registering it and Cumbria County Council can perform this.

19. Review statutory documents

It was resolved to review one document per meeting between now and the end of the financial year to make for a shorter AGM.

Risk assessment - March

Standing Orders - Nov

Financial regulations – Jan
Clerk to circulate copies.

20. To consider correspondence received.

The Correspondence Register has been circulated.

21. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Purchase of defibrillators

Readdress footway lighting

A car park at Armathwaite bridge and double yellow lines on bridge, as a joint venture with Hesketh Parish Council – Cllr Bradshaw to put together some ideas.

22. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 15th November 2016.

Meeting closed 21.50

Signed: *Kimberley Lawson*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

22nd Sept 2016