

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 Ainstable Village Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr M Robinson; Cllr H Proud; Cllr G Proud; Cllr H Bellis; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr C Guise; Cllr D Smith
County Cllr C Driver

Kimberley Lawson (Clerk)

5 members of the public

1. Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).
 - a. Richard Brockington introduced himself and other members of the team working on the Victoria County History project, who are starting to research Ainstable civil parish. The team would like to hold public meetings in Ainstable and Croglin to speak to residents. The Chairman offered the support of the parish council for the project, which will take at least 3 years to complete.

Minutes

2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Resolved:** to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr A Ritchie and Cllr J Thirlwall.
4. **Resolved:** to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 18th September 2018 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. There was no news on any potential candidates for Croglin/Newbiggin ward.
6. To receive updates on current projects and issues: (Chairman)
 - a. Community Shelters – the Ainstable shelter has been completed. The Ainstable & Newbiggin shelters are due to have noticeboards in the back, in principal for children to use, to discourage graffiti. The Ruckcroft shelter is nearly finished.
 - b. Defibrillator for Ruckcroft – We are awaiting quotes for the electricity supply, and for the purchase and installation of the defibrillator.
 - c. Benches – the bench at Ainstable church has been replaced with a new one, and the one that was there is now on the Millennium Green. The Chairman is arranging for the old log bench to be removed from the triangle to make way for the other new bench to be installed.
 - d. Grit bins – new bins needed at Townhead, Newbiggin; Cairnhead by Croglin telephone exchange and Ainstable bridge.
 - e. Finger post at Newbiggin – the Clerk is applying for grants
7. Reports from attendance at outside bodies
 - a. Fellfoot Forward Footpath meeting (Cllr Vear)
Action: All to report any damaged stiles, muddy tracks etc. to Chairman, who will report on

to CCC footpaths officers.

Footpath officers asked if there was interest in negotiating the reopening as a permissive path the route round edge of original churchyard or to establish the route a public footpath.

Action: Clerk to add to January agenda.

8. To receive a report from the Car Park Committee (Cllr Bradshaw) – the Clerk now has documents from Cllr Bradshaw and will follow up with the land agent. Cllr Bradshaw has started work on a project plan.

Action: Clerk to follow up with land agent.

9. To receive a report from the Croglin Parish Church Committee (Cllr Robinson)

The village hall trustees have no interest in taking on the church. There is a need for a new Trustee & Cllr Vear suggested the parish council might become sole Trustee, as it is for the Green. The current village hall Management Committee are not keen to take on the church project themselves. Cllr Robinson has had a look inside the church building with local residents who are interested in the project and there is a meeting on 30th Nov for a brainstorming session.

Action: Clerk to add 30th Nov meeting to parish council website barn at Mid Town farm next to church.

10. To receive a report from the NDP Committee (Cllr Vear)

- a. Cllr Vear has acquired a copy of Patterdale's recent housing survey and will draft one for Ainstable.

11. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):

- a. The Clerk read out the bank account balances

- b. The following receipts were noted:

September

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| 30th | 2 | Unity Trust Bank | £ | 12.76 | Bank interest |
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- c. The following payments were noted:

September

| Date | Beneficiary | V.N. | Payment Type | Amount | Empowering legislation |
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| 17th | Kirkwells | 037 | EP | £ 2,436.00 | Localism Act 2011 Sch 9 part 2 s 38a |
| 17th | K Lawson - expenses | 038 | EP | £ 51.01 | Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s 5 |
| 17th | Lloyds Bank | 051 | DD | £ 81.99 | Local Government Act 1972 s 151 |
| 24th | HMRC Cumbernauld | 043 | SO | £ 39.60 | The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003 s 21 |
| 30th | Unity Bank - quarterly charge | 042 | DD | £ 18.00 | Local Government Act 1972 s 151 |

October

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| 1st | Greenbarnes | 039 | EP | £ 1,056.00 | Parish Councils Act 1957, ss 1(1) and 7 |
| 1st | PKF Littejohn LLP | 040 | EP | £ 240.00 | Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003 |

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| 1st | CALC | 044 | EP | £ 76.00 | Local Government Act 1972 s.111 |
| 1st | Morton Garden Buildings | 045 | EP | £ 1,362.50 | Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s 4 |
| 2nd | CPSL - SI-4121 | 046 | EP | £ 14.40 | Local Government Act 1972 s 151 |
| 15th | SLCC | 049 | EP | £ 108.79 | Local Government Act 1972 s.111 |
| 15th | K Lawson - salary | 048 | SO | £ 271.60 | Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s 5 |
| 16th | Lloyds Bank plc | 052 | DD | £ 18.38 | Local Government Act 1972 s 151 |
| 23rd | HMRC Cumbernauld | 055 | SO | £ 39.60 | The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003 s 21 |
| 30th | CPSL - SI-4176 | 053 | DD | £ 14.40 | Local Government Act 1972 s 151 Local Government Act 1972 s 151 |

November

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| 8th | Land Registry | 058 | 51 | £ 30.00 | Land Registration Act 2002, ss 4 and 58 |
| 13th | Croglin Village Hall | 056 | EP | £ 45.00 | Local Government Act 1972 s 134 (4) |
| 14th | Morton Garden Buildings | 045 | EP | £ 272.50 | Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s 4 |
| 14th | Arnison Heelis, Solicitors | 047 | EP | £ 158.40 | Land Registration Act 2002, ss 4 and 58 |
| 14th | Community Heartbeat Trust | 054 | EP | £ 302.40 | Public Health Act 1936 s234 |
| 15th | K Lawson - salary | 057 | SO | £ 271.60 | Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s 5 |

- d. The Clerk presented a report on expenditure against budget for the current financial year and a first draft budget for next financial year. There was a lengthy discussion with a number of suggestions made.

Action: The Clerk to circulate an amended document in advance of the January meeting.

- e. Any other matters relating to banking and finance

12. To discuss the Ainstable Millennium Green Trust (Chairman)

- a. Ownership of dry stone wall – the land owner of the adjacent field has been reluctant to discuss boundaries. It was suggested that old maps might show the ownership.
Action: Cllr Smith to check the maps he has. Clerk to check the documents relating to Green.
- b. The annual inspection of the playground equipment by Playdale was received
- c. The damage to the log walk referred to in the report is not extensive and it is still usable. If it becomes unsafe, it could be easily removed.
Resolved: not to replace the damaged log walk at this time.

- d. The Clerk reported that the Green’s COIF account will no longer accept third party cheques from January 2019. The Green has just one third party payment each year of approximately £17, from Electricity North West for wayleave. ENW will not make electronic payments. It is not worth opening a new current account for the Green to accept just one payment per year.
Resolved: The Clerk to request that ENW make the Green’s wayleave payments payable to the parish council, and the parish council to transfer the funds to the Green’s account.

13. To discuss any Highways matters arising, and consider actions:

- a. Traffic calming in Croglin – Highways has offered to make village gateway entrance at north of village on B6413 and has asked school transport to drop Scarrowmanwick children to be dropped & picked up at bottom of Scarrowmanwick lane. No collisions have been reported on this stretch of road so Highways is unwilling to do more. The comment was made that cars drive too quickly through Croglin and even the narrow road and bridge do little to slow vehicles down.
Action: Cllr Robinson will have a look at locations to the north and south of the village and give ideas
- b. Potential movement of Ainstable village signs – Highways has said they are willing to move the signs, funds permitted.
- c. Dog Fouling in Croglin – this is a problem throughout the parish
Action: Clerk to ask EDC for enough leaflets for the whole parish – 500. Add to January agenda

Resolved: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (w), to allow extra time to complete the agenda.

- 14. Cllr Vear reported on a recent court case, where a parish council was found to be negligent when a tree fell in front of a bus. Therefore, Ainstable Parish Council needs to inspect its trees. Neil Ruddick has agreed to obtain the necessary qualification to carry out this work. It is first necessary to identify all the trees for which the parish council might be responsible.

Action: Cllr H Proud to draw up a plan of where she thinks the parish council has trees. Tree planting records should be at the archives.

15. To consider the following policies:

- a. **Resolved:** to approve and adopt the Equal opportunities policy
- b. Conservation and heritage: The Chairman reported that grant applications for the signpost project need a conservation policy and that he will draft one.

- 16. Cllr Bellis reported on the development of Broadband in the parish. A new cabinet has been installed by Streethouse. Connecting Cumbria are looking at Newbiggin but not at Ruckcroft and there are difficulties over grant funding for the village.

17. To discuss any matters relating to communications. (Chairman)

- a. Newsletter for Ainstable ward
Action: all to send in stories & ideas to Clerk & Chairman.

18. To consider planning applications made and other planning matters. (Chairman)

- a. The decisions were noted for the following applications:

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| 18/0636 | Barn to the east of Laburnum House, Heads Nook | Change of use of a barn to a dwelling and associated operations including the installation of a package treatment plant. | Full approval |
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| 18/0612 | Riverside Cottage, Heads Nook | Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of a garden building for ancillary domestic use | Full approval |
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b. The parish council supports the following application:

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| 18/0870 | Holme House Farm, The Dale | Conversion of agricultural buildings to houses |
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c. Any other planning matters

19. The Clerk reported that she has submitted an application to the Land Registry for the land at Ainstable bus shelter. She will write to the Earl of Carlisle regarding ownership of Croglin Quarry.

20. County Councillor Driver gave a verbal report to the council.

21. District Councillor Robinsonf gave a verbal report to the council.

To discuss any Rights of Way matters arising, and consider actions:

- a. The Chairman reported that the Footpaths Officer has agreed to action dog gates on stiles.
- b. The Chairman reported that the Footpaths Officer has agreed to change the stile to a gate on footpath 301004 in Newbiggin.
- c. U3077 in Dale – old maps show that the route of the U3077 goes across Croglin water and forms a crossroads with the lane from Dale, taking it the other side of the pumping station than had been supposed. There is a field gate where the original route joins the metalled road.

22. No crime had been reported in the Parish.

23. There were no additional reports from attendance at outside bodies.

24. The correspondence register had been circulated with the agenda.

25. Action: Points to be raised at the next meeting to be sent to the Clerk and the Chairman

26. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 15th January 2019.

Meeting closed at 22.01