

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 virtually via MS Teams at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th November 2020.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chair); Cllr C Sproat; Cllr H Proud; Cllr G Proud; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr H Bellis; Cllr A Ritchie; Cllr M Robinson

In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk); Fiona Knox (Fellfoot Forward); June Hill (Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group); County Cllr Claire Driver

Minutes

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

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2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smith.
3. To receive members' declarations of interests: none
4. **Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 15th September 2020 as a true record.
5. To receive a report from Fiona Knox and June Hill of Fellfoot Forward, regarding the Vernacular Buildings Project.
Fiona Knox reported on the progress of the Fellfoot Forward project and the appointment of Dig Ventures to deliver projects relating to local history. One project is to be led by June Hill of the Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group, with which members of the Croglin community are already involved. They plan to produce literature about historic buildings in Croglin, Newbiggin and Cumrew as part of the scheme.
Action: Clerk to link relevant docs on cvbg.co.uk to Ainstable.org.
The group will be looking for community champions for oral histories. Fiona agreed to forward the parish council's contact details to Dig Ventures to assist with this. The Chairman thanked Fiona and June for attending the meeting.
6. County Councillor Driver made a verbal report, including an update regarding the numbers of Covid cases. A walk-in testing centre is due to open in Penrith on 20th November. There will be no change to gritting routes this winter. Cllr Driver has joined the community grants assessment panel for Fellfoot Forward.
7. District Councillor Robinson made a verbal report, including an update regarding government funds to support local businesses during lockdown. KPMG has been appointed to look into a potential reorganisation of local government and to make recommendations for a unitary authority. The decision will be made by central government next year. Local nature recovery strategies are being worked up. The impact of Brexit, particularly on agriculture, looks very worrying.

- 7.1. Update regarding Eden Tourist Board
Cllr Robinson reported that new videos coming from Cumbria Tourist Board next week.
8. To receive updates on current projects and issues:
- 8.1. Superfast broadband
Cllr Bellis reported that he is still awaiting a revised cost for the Ruckcroft scheme from BT. There is a very high level of interest from residents in the scheme. If BT advise that it is cost effective, it may be possible to include properties between Ainstable crossroads and Ruckcroft in the scheme. A proposed solution with Barn in Kirkoswald may be able to include Longdales. The Newbiggin scheme is live.
- 8.2. Newbiggin defibrillator
The light in the case has not been working for some time. The Clerk has been trying to contact the manufacturer in France to enquire about a repair, but without success. It was noted that neither the case nor the defibrillator is of a make and model approved by the Community Heartbeat Trust for public access use, and that they did not cost the parish council anything when they were initially obtained some years ago. It was agreed that the parish council should look into purchasing new equipment for Newbiggin.
Action – Clerk to get a quote for replacement case with/without replacement defib.
- 8.3. Signposts
We have a quote for new posts for Croglin and Armathwaite Methodist Chapel. The Clerk will apply to Fellfoot Forward and other funders to try to get both signposts commissioned at once. There will be an article in the January edition of The Clerk magazine about the scheme.
- 8.4. Ainstable bus shelter
The Chairman is continuing to chase Mortons, who are struggling to get hold of security glass. He will also enquire whether the window could be boarded temporarily to keep the draft out.
Action: Cllr Ritchie to enquire from Croglin residents whether they would like a shelter similar to the Ruckcroft one. The Clerk to add this to the January agenda.
9. To discuss any Highways matters arising, and consider actions:
Cllr Ritchie asked if there is any news on Croglin traffic calming measures.
Action: The Chairman to contact Julian Maclaine.
Several potholes were reported, which Cllr Bellis will add to the Highways portal.
Cllr Robinson reported that District Cllr Ryland in Armathwaite had made a request for a dropped curb for a wheelchair user by the litter bin at the Ainstable side of the bridge. Cones had been put out for the work to be done but these were moved and cars parked there, so the work was not able to be done. However, John Banks has suggested that the proposed location for the dropped curb may not be ideal.
Action: Cllr Bellis to discuss with John Banks.
- 9.1. Tree on Armathwaite bridge support
The Clerk reported that the tree has been removed.
10. To discuss any Rights of Way matters arising, and consider actions:
Newbiggin footpath 301007 nothing has been done about the damage to the stile.
Action: Clerk to raise this again with RoW Officers.
Cllr Bradshaw reported that the Bridleway from Vicarage Farm north towards Commonhouse needs to be looked at again. A drain was put in but it's still very wet and needs to be better profiled. Footpath 301015 has a stile about ½ mile west on first field boundary. The parish council would like to replace it with a kissing gate. The landowner is in agreement.
Action: Clerk to ask RoW officers to look into these issues.

11. To receive a report regarding the Holme Holt project and discuss next steps (Chairman)

11.1. Leaflets – to be delivered with Eden Local. Some councillors reported that their village did not get the Eden Local.

Action: Chairman to edit the front of the leaflet to reflect the online survey. Clerk to order another 1,000 leaflets. Cllrs to hand deliver leaflets to villages that do not receive the Eden Local. Armathwaite shop will be asked if they will take some.

11.2. Survey – councillors have reviewed the survey and are happy with it.

Action: the Clerk to put survey live on the parish council website.

12. To receive a report regarding solar lighting

The Clerk has submitted a grant application to ENWL; we should expect to hear in January whether it has been successful.

13. To discuss matters relating to Ainstable Millennium Green

13.1. Contractor fees – The contractor has notified the Clerk of his intention to increase his fees in line with Bank of England rate of inflation. It was noted that his rate has remained static since 2013.

13.2. Complaint regarding anti-social behaviour: a complaint was reported over half term. The Clerk advised the concerned resident to report antisocial behaviour to the police. The Chairman has enquired amongst other neighbouring properties and the residents felt this was an isolated incident and not cause for concern.

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

14.1. The following receipts were noted:

September

Date	Receipt No.	Received from	Amount	Empowering Legislation
28th	06	Electricity North West (Wayleave for the Green)	£ 9.47	Law of Property Act 1925, s 205
30th	07	Friends of the Lake District	£ 2,000.00	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 30

October

Date	Receipt No.	Received from	Amount	Empowering Legislation
6th	08	Cumbria County Council	£1,000.00	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 30

14.2. The following payments were noted:

October

Date	Payee	Voucher No.	Payment Method	Amount	Empowering Legislation
15th	K Lawson - Salary	033	EP	£ 309.66	Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5
16th	Lloyds Bank plc	034	DD	£ 3.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.151
19th	Community Heartbeat Trust	035	EP	£ 453.60	Public Health Act 1936 s234

November

Date	Payee	Voucher No.	Payment Method	Amount	Empowering Legislation
13th	K Lawson - Salary	037	EP	£ 309.66	Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5

14.3. To discuss budget items for FY 2021-22

Action: Councillors to submit ideas to the Clerk

14.4. To consider a grant application from Fellrunner Bus – APPENDIX 1

Resolved: to award a grant in the amount requested.

14.5. Any other matters relating to banking and finance.

None

15. To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan for Ainstable and decide next steps.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had had a meeting with EDC Housing officers. They will produce survey to go out after Christmas. We should get responses around March, which will inform the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Robinson reported on the EDC Local Plan SHENA strategic review.

Action: The Clerk to circulate the SHENA document and to invite an EDC officer to address the parish council's January meeting.

16. **Resolved:** To adopt the following policies and procedures for the coming year:

16.1. Equal Opportunities Policy – APPENDIX 2

16.2. Complaints Procedure – APPENDIX 3

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

17.1. The decisions for the following applications were noted:

Application

Application No.	Location	Scheme	Decision
20/0592	BROOKSIDE FARM CROGLIN	Rear extension and alterations to porch	Granted
	WYN SHIELDS AINSTABLE	Non material amendment to lower the approved roof level to one storey, attached to approval 13/0585	Granted
20/0666		Replacement agricultural building and associated	Granted
20/0722	Land at Ainstable	hardstanding	

17.2. Councillors discussed a response for the following application:

Application No.

Application No.	Location	Scheme
20/0773	MIDDLE FARM, CROGLIN	Proposed rear extension and alterations to existing side extension to form new entrance

17.3. Any other planning matters

17.3.1. Planning application 16/0760 Peak Power Generator, Ruckcroft

The Clerk reported that she wrote to EDC regarding this matter and that planning enforcement officers are now investigating.

17.3.2. Craig Bainbridge proposed house

Mr Bainbridge has approached the Chairman informally to ask the parish council's view on building a house on his land. After some discussion, it was felt that the parish council could not comment on a hypothetical situation which may affect a future supplication for planning permission, and that it be recommended to Mr Bainbridge that he take professional advice.

Action: The Chairman to respond to Mr Bainbridge.

18. To consider correspondence received.

18.1. Croglin Church

A letter has been received from a small group working on a community project for Croglin Church. The project is at a very early stage. However, the Church Commissioner has taken the property off the market and has indicated they will support the project as far as possible. The parish council will also support the project with practical advice, especially regarding fundraising.

19. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Any points to be emailed to the Clerk.

20. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tuesday 19th Jan 2021

Meeting closed 21:34