

# Ainstable Parish Council

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the communities of Dale and Longdales, and the surrounding farms and houses

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An extraordinary meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## Ainstable Parish Council Agenda

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Present: Cllr Vear (Chairman); Cllr H Proud; Cllr G Proud; Cllr Jackson; Cllr Robinson; Cllr Bradshaw; Cllr Sproat; Cllr Smith

In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk); 17 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bellis and Cllr Little, and the reasons accepted.
2. No members made declarations of interest.
3. Planning application 21/0706 was discussed at length. Both the applicant, and the agent for the applicant were in attendance at the meeting. The agent took questions from councillors and members of the public, with the applicant providing clarification on some issues.

The topics covered in the discussion were wide-ranging and included:

- Inadequate provision for effluent storage and runoff, and the potential for pollution of nearby land and watercourses.
- Whether the size of the site was sufficient for the business proposed.
- The unsuitability of the corner location selected for the development, hampering any expansion.
- The visual impact of site location on a ridgeline.
- The inadequacy of the proposed single livestock shed to support a livestock business and the ongoing development that will be needed at the site.
- The lack of any provision for farm safety measures in the application.
- How the business would operate, split between the land covered by the application, and a further 270 acres elsewhere in the parish that family members currently farm as tenants.
- The future of the peak power generator on the applicant's land.
- The visibility of the proposed entrance to the site, and tractor traffic that would be generated between the site and the 270 acres.
- The potential impact of lighting the proposed buildings on dark skies.
- That the applicant has failed to take any formal pre-planning advice.

Councillors recognised the applicant's emotional attachment to the land, and expressed their desire to support young people in farming. However, there is no existing agricultural business on this land; the fields are leased out to another farmer. Ainstable Parish Council cannot support the proposal in its current location.

**RESOLVED:** To object to planning application 21/0706.

Meeting closed 21:10