

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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**An ordinary meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council**

held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st September 2021.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr H Proud; Cllr M Robinson; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr H Bellis; Cllr C Sproat; Cllr H Little; Cllr D Smith

In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk); Mr G McGregor (PPM Ltd); 8 Members of the public, Rev Mark Houston (Vicar of Ainstable)

1. Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).
Rev Mark Houston spoke briefly to update the parish council regarding the parish church of St Michael and All Angels. Since the resignation of the PCC in the summer, a meeting has been held which was attended by about 50 people who would like to see the church maintained in some capacity. A harvest service was held early in September and it is hoped to hold another service next month. The Chairman thanked Rev Houston for attending, and asked him to keep the parish council involved as the members are keen to provide support.

Minutes

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Proud and County Councillor Driver, and the reasons accepted.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the following meetings as a true record:
 - 4.1. Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 20th July 2021.
 - 4.2. Extraordinary Meeting held on Tues 10th August 2021.
 - 4.3. Extraordinary Meeting held on Weds 18th August 2021.
5. Gordon McGregor, PPM Limited, outlined his company's plans for the conversion of Armathwaite Manor (formerly Armathwaite Place) to holiday lets.
He also spoke about his plans to improve and extend the public rights of way across the woodland behind the house. He plans to extend FP301035, the river side path, to Coombs Wood, and to upgrade the spur down to the old boathouse as a public right of way. The northern path, FP301028, that comes down by Fox & Pheasant is to become a bridleway, and be upgraded widened to allow space for disabled access and cycles.
He is planning forestry management work within the woods over the next 10 years, which will involve some safety fencing for the duration of work. However, this should not affect the public rights of way unless there is an emergency situation with a tree. In such an emergency, PPM would need to apply for permission from the county council for a closure order for the right of way, which would be clearly sign posted and with alternative routes provided.

6. Planning

6.1. **Resolved:** to support planning applications 21/0742 and 21/0770.

6.2. The outcomes of the following planning applications were noted:

Application No.	Address	Details	Outcome
21/0639	Heather Glen. Ainstable. Carlisle	Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for changes to floor and elevation designs, attached to approval 19/0923	Granted
21/0671 & 21/0672	Basco Dyke	Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations including new windows	Granted

6.3. Any other planning matters arising.

It was noted that application 21/0511 (Roxane retrospective application) was refused.

It was noted that an application 21/0783 (Nord Vue Luge track) has been submitted, which may have an impact on traffic in Armathwaite.

It was noted that there is no decision yet for application 21/0706 (Potters Bank)

7. The Chairman reported that he has met with Footpaths Officers to discuss Public Rights of Way across Armathwaite Manor land, leading to Coombs Wood. He reported that the officers are very pleased with the proposals made by PPM Ltd for upgrading and extending the PRoWs, and will keep the parish council updated on progress.

8. The Chairman stated that, following the public meeting on 14th September, time is now needed to allow the public to respond to the parish council's proposals. The parish council will need to make a decision at the November meeting about whether or not to proceed with the project.

Action: Cllr Vear to re-establish contact with Highways regarding the project.

9. To receive updates on Actions, current projects and issues:

9.1. To receive updates on actions from the July meeting:

Action for:	Details:	Update
Cllr Bradshaw	Prepare a proposal for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations	Cllr Bradshaw has approached a local person about making some braziers but they are not able to take on this job. There was a discussion about alternative ways to mark the jubilee, including tree planting and benches. The council favoured commemorative finials on the parish council's cast-iron signposts and village gateways. There was discussion around the traffic at the two road junctions just up from the Fox & Pheasant. A member of the public asked if there could be a public right of way on the other side of the wall at the Armathwaite Methodist Chapel junction. Action: Cllr Vear to talk to Signpost Restoration Ltd. Action: Cllr Vear to talk to Highways about possible gateway & moving 30mph zone.

Clerk	Ensure inclusion of website address on all council documents.	Ongoing
All	Distribution of leaflets for the Holme Holt meeting	Done

- 9.2. Ainstable Parish Council has been awarded the Local Council Award Scheme, Foundation Level.
- 9.3. Parking at Coombs Wood – the Forestry Commission has been monitoring parking and has written to the parish council to say they do not think any additional parking is needed at the moment.
- 9.4. Future of Ainstable Church – Rev Houston addressed the council at the start of the meeting.
10. There was no report from County Councillor Driver.
11. District Councillor Robinson outlined work being undertaken as part of the local government reorganisation.
12. To receive reports from attendance at meetings of outside bodies:
- 12.1. The Clerk reported on her attendance at an EALC briefing regarding local government reorganisation.
13. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance:
- 13.1. The Clerk reported the bank balance.
- 13.2. The payments detailed in Appendix 1 were approved.
- 13.3. The receipts detailed in Appendix 2 were noted.
14. **Resolved:** to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss the solar lighting project and review tenders.
Action: Clerk to organise a meeting on 20th Oct, at Croglin. Clerk to circulate tenders & financial breakdown of grants.
15. To discuss defibrillators
- 15.1. A resident of Longdales has agreed to host a defibrillator. Councillors expressed their gratitude for this offer.
- 15.2. **Resolved:** To accept the quote from Community Heartbeat Trust for a defibrillator at Longdales
- 15.3. **Resolved:** to buy new pads & batteries for the former Newbiggin defibrillator and offer it to the village halls.
Action: The Clerk to ask the village hall committees if they would like to take over responsibility for it.
16. To discuss matters relating to the Ainstable Millennium Green Trust
- 16.1. The annual inspection report from Playdale was received
- 16.2. **Resolved:** not to carry out any repairs to the playground equipment
- 16.3. It was noted that Playdale no longer offer a 5 year inspection plan and that the parish council will have to pay annually from next year.
- 16.4. The Clerk reported that the Unity Trust account for the Trust is now open and the funds can now be moved into it.
17. To discuss moving the Croglin noticeboard

17.1. The council noted a quote from Greenbarnes for a new noticeboard. The Clerk has secured a grant of £500 from Calor towards this and there is a further £1,000 in the budget.

17.2. Permission is needed from the PCC to progress this project.

Action: Cllr Little to approach the vicar.

18. **Resolved:** To adopt the following policies for the next year:

18.1. Data Protection Policy

18.2. Data register

18.3. Privacy notices

19. The issue of traffic speed through Newbiggin was discussed, and the need for a 30mph zone between the two village gateways.

Action: Cllr Vear to approach Highways about this and remind them about the traffic calming measures agreed for Croglin that have not yet been carried out.

20. Correspondence

20.1. The parish council has received a letter from Dr Neil Hudson MP congratulating us on achieving the Local Council Award.

21. Date of next ordinary meeting: Tuesday 16th November 2021, Ainstable Church Institute

Meeting closed 21:40

Summary of Actions:

Action for:	Details:
Cllr Vear	Approach Highways re the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holme Holt• Newbiggin 30mph zone• Croglin traffic calming• Road junctions on Red Lion Hill
Cllr Vear	Approach Signpost Restoration Ltd re jubilee finials
Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach village hall committees re defibrillator• Circulate solar lighting tenders
Cllr Little	Approach vicar of Croglin re noticeboard