

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council
held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th January, 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

OPEN MEETING- For discussion of matters of general Parish concern (10 mins)

PRESENT: Cllr Thirlwall, Cllr Brown, Cllr Vear, Cllr Collinge, Cllr Smith & Cllr Miller

The Chairman read a letter of resignation from Mrs M. Wilson as a Parish Councillor.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Declaration of interests-** None
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** None
3. **It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 15th November, 2011 as a true record** (proposed by Cllr Thirlwall, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote)
4. **To approve the final copy of the Parish Plan and discuss the recruitment of distribution volunteers**

Cllr Vear gave out copies of the document to everyone. Cllr Collinge passed on thanks to Cllr Vear and Cllr Brown for all their hard work in compiling the finished document. It was agreed that a flyer to recruit new councillors be included when copies of the plan are distributed. It was noted that new Councillors are needed in all areas, but particularly in the Croglin/ Newbiggin wards. It was agreed that a note be included in the plan stating that the Parish Council feels that large scale commercial wind farms are not appropriate in the parish.

Cllr Brown suggested that a more positive recruitment appeal be included.

With regards to its distribution, it was agreed that the plans should be sent out with the Parish News. Cllr Thirlwall agreed to deliver them in Croglin and Newbiggin with the remainder being shared out between other councillors for delivery.

5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish**

The Clerk reported that she now receives a newsletter from Cumbria Police. It was noted that there is now a new Cumbria Police non-emergency telephone number which replaces that previous 0845 number. The new number is 101.

There were no crimes listed within the parish.

6. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**

- Grit bins – It was reported that the new bins have arrived in the Parish. Councillors agreed that they look quite attractive. One councillor had been asked by a parishioner to pass on their appreciation to the council for installing the bins on untreated roads. Cllr Vear reported that the bins should contain rock salt and the additional piles have crushed rock in them.
- Everyone agreed that there is generally a good gritting service in the area.
- Councillors were concerned that some areas of road surface are in poor condition at present although it was agreed that these do not as yet come within the council's criteria for repairs.
- A member of the public suggested that the "Unsuitable for Large Vehicles" sign at the beginning of the road which passes the Church Institute in Ainstable would be better before the turning as it is then

difficult for vehicles to turn around. It was resolved that the Clerk report this to Rob Lawley of Cumbria Highways.

- Ainstable and Armathwaite road- deep potholes at the side of the road were reported along with sunken drains. It was agreed that this be reported to the Highways Hotline.

7. **To receive an update on the Parish Footpath survey** – Cllr Brown said that there was nothing to report at present. It was noted County Council grant money might be available for such a survey. It was agreed that a full parish survey should perhaps be carried out. Cllr Brown and Cllr Miller agreed to review the bridle path in the Dale area.

8. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green**- Cllr Collinge said that there was nothing to report at present. Tidying work has been carried out on the Green. Cllr Smith suggested that a possible fence be placed along the side of the Green next to the stream. It was agreed that this should be investigated further and resolved to ask Eden District Council's Parks Department to come and advise on what, if anything, should be done. The Clerk reported that the maintenance of the Great Salkeld playing field has recently changed with the District Council taking over some responsibilities. The Clerk reported that she has received the annual way leave cheque. It was agreed that this be paid into the Millennium Green Barclays account.

- To consider employment of a maintenance worker and look at a job description and advert- to be considered at the March meeting following receipt of the information from Eden District Council.

9. **To receive an update on Croglin School land**: It was noted that the Charity Commission has sent through a copy of its case file on the land. It was agreed that the Church are no longer in the village and therefore it needs a local trustee. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to the Charities Commission to explain that the Church Dioceses office has now formally notified the Parish Council that the Church has now closed and request that as a trustee we take over as sole trustees. This would allow payments to be made from the fund.

10. **To discuss the recruitment of new Parish Councillors**: It was agreed that a leaflet be sent out with the Parish Plan and all Councillors should speak to parishioners who might be interested in joining.

11. **To discuss wind turbines** :In the light of a recent planning application Councillors discussed the issue of domestic and commercial large scale wind turbines within the parish. It was noted that there has been some historic use of turbines on farms as a means of power however Councillors felt that there was an important difference between commercial and domestic scale wind turbines and whilst they would consider domestic turbines on an individual basis, they would not support a large scale development.

12. **To discuss any matters relating to communications**

- Website- Cllr Vear reported that the site will be online shortly
- Parish news- It was agreed that the Clerk send draft minutes to Cllr Smith within the next couple of days so that they can be included in the Parish News
- Parish File- The Clerk reported that the file is up to date

13. **To consider planning applications made**

11/1131 Mr & Mrs B Snowden, York House, Longdales, Carlisle CA4 9SH- Proposed alterations and extensions- after discussion, all Councillors were in favour of the development

14. **To notify the Council of planning decisions received**

11/0705 Mr D Bowman, Low Meadow, Barugh Cottages, Ainstable CA4 9RQ GRANTED

11/0948 Mrs S Fishpool, The Hayloft, Newbiggin, Brampton CA8 9DH GRANTED

15. **To consider correspondence received**

- Housing Needs Survey-Cllr Miller reported that about a third of surveys had been returned. She highlighted that six new properties would be needed in the area in the next 5 years and there was a demand for rental properties and housing for people wishing to return to the area to retire. It was noted that the survey states that Ainstable is a local service area. It was agreed that this should be checked with Eden District Council.
- With regards to the Jubilee celebrations it was agreed to support the village hall committees with anything that they do for the celebrations, perhaps making a donation towards costs.
- Bank signatories- Clerk to obtain form to change signatories.
- Ecclesiastical Insurance- we have no members of staff

16. **To discuss finance**

- To receive an update on Parish finances- the Clerk updated Councillors with the balance of each Parish Council account.
- It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Cllr Vear, seconded by Cllr Brown, unanimous vote)

BDO LLP	£162.00	(Chq No: 100609)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£514.74	(Chq No: 100610)
Ivor Roberts	£ 80.00	(Chq No: 100611)
Mr G Brown	£ 20.00	(Chq No: 100612)

17. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson-** not present

18. **Points to be raised at the next meeting**

- Millennium Green (possible District Council adoption)
- Jubilee celebrations

19. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March, 2012 in Ainstable Church Institute

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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Meeting closed at 9.00pm