

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Croglin Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th July, 2013.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

- Wind turbines in Rosley Parish- visible from the Ainstable parish. A parishioner from Rosley Parish attended the meeting. They are looking for local opinion on the proposed turbines as part of a collective voice and are visiting parishes in Allerdale, Carlisle and now Eden.
- Planning permission- (Cllr Smith & Cllr Brown declared an interest- Cllr Smith as owner and Cllr Brown as a neighbour) One of the owners of the Heather Glen hotel spoke to the meeting. She reported that they have received some complaints about noise levels. She said that these can have a detrimental effect on the business and informed councillors that they had carried out a lot of work to minimise the effect on the village and neighbours. She asked whether the parish council would be in support of the business. Councillors agreed that they would support business in the parish in general but wouldn't condone everything a business does, particularly if there have been complaints from neighbours and that all businesses must adhere to regulations.

Present: Cllr Thirlwall (Chaired the meeting), Cllr Smith, Cllr Miller, Cllr Bellis, Cllr Findlay & Cllr Brown

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1. **Declaration of interests-** Cllr Smith (financial) & Cllr Brown (neighbour)- see above
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Vear, Cllr Guise & Cllr Collinge
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 21st May, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Brown, unanimous vote by those councillors who had been present).
4. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**

Cllr Brown reported that the bid application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Scheme and it is understood that a decision is due by 31st July. It was agreed not to submit an application to Cumbria Waste Management until the Heritage Lottery result is known. Cllr Findlay reported that The Friends of the Lake District have indicated that they would be likely to support an application but would need details of the other grant amounts to be received from other bodies prior to making the decision.
5. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish**

Nothing reported.
6. **Report from attendance at outside bodies-** Cllr Miller reported that she had attended a meeting of Eden District Council's Planning Department at which she spoke on behalf of the Parish Council about application 13/0072- Armathwaite Barn, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9PY (change of use of sandstone barn from agricultural to a self catering holiday cottage). Cllr Miller said that the application decision has been deferred pending improvements to the planned site entrance.
7. **To discuss any Highways matters arising-** Cllr Bellis reported that he had logged nine potholes with Highways Department and six have so far been repaired. Cllr Smith reported a number of other potholes which he had spotted and Cllr Bellis agreed report these.

8. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and noticeboards-** Cllr Bellis reported that he had spoken to the company regarding prices of the noticeboards chosen. Unfortunately there would be no cost savings for ordering a number of boards. It was agreed that either a bid could be submitted to various bodies to fund the whole project, which will cost about £9000, or the Parish Council could fund one noticeboard itself per year through the precept. It was resolved to carry out a full review about what is needed and a timescale and the Clerk agreed to contact District & County Cllr Robinson about possible funding for benches and noticeboards. Cllr Brown proposed that the council go ahead and buy one noticeboard immediately and Cllr Miller seconded this. It was agreed to review their performance over the winter and look at buying another next year- Cllr Bellis agreed to take this forward and order the board.

9. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and its maintenance by Eden District Council**

Cllr Smith reported that the grass has been cut again but is still a little long. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Eden District Council to say that their representative would contact Cllr Smith when they are next on site to meet him and promised to send it to Cllr Smith. She agreed to chase them again to hold a site visit. It was agreed to go to tenders for the maintenance and grass cutting next year.

10. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation-** Cllr Thirlwall reported that one grant has been paid out so far.

11. **To receive an update on councillors' special projects-** already covered.

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

- Website, Parish News, Newsletter & Parish File- Nothing

13. **To consider planning applications made and other planning matters-** it was resolved not to send a letter to Allerdale District Council about the proposed Rosley windturbines discussed in the open meeting.

14. **To notify the Council of planning decisions received** - None

15. **To consider correspondence received**

Ainstable Church Institute- Application for funding for car park surface- one councillor said they felt that tarmac was not a suitable surface for this area of land and in cold weather icing could prove to be a problem. Another councillor pointed out that there could be water run off from areas of solid surface. Councillors all agreed that matting which allows grass to grow through it would be far more suitable in their opinion and the Clerk highlighted case where the County Council use this matting for parking areas. Councillors resolved that they would not want to make a contribution towards tarmacking, because potential future problems with it, but would be minded to help towards a matting surface.

16. **To discuss finance**

- To receive an update on Parish finances- the Clerk read out the balances from each account and circulated the most recent bank statements for councillors to look at.
- To resolve to make payments due – Cllr Bellis proposed that the following payments be made and Cllr Smith seconded this. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£575.64	(Chq No: 100624)
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Mrs J Dawes (Audit)	£ 60.00	(Chq No: 100653)
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- To approve the Annual Return 2012/13- The Clerk read out Annual Governance Statement and councillors resolved to accept the Annual Return 2012/13 (proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Bellis, unanimous vote).

17. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson-** Unable to attend.

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

- Defibrillator- Lazonby and District First Responders

19. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th September, 2013 in Croglin Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.33pm

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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