

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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Ordinary Meeting of **Ainstable Parish Council**

held in Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15 July 2014.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Thirlwall (Chaired the meeting), Cllr Bellis, Cllr Guise, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Miller, Cllr Little & Cllr Ritchie (was co-opted on).

1. **Open Meeting** - for discussion of matters of general parish concern- No points raised.

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2. **Declaration of interests**- None
3. **To receive apologies for absence**- Cllr Vear, Cllr Collinge & Cllr Smith
4. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the following meeting as a true record:**
 - a. The last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2014- It was resolved to accept the minutes (proposed by Cllr Guise, seconded by Cllr Bellis, unanimous vote).
5. **To discuss the co-option of new councillors**- After discussion and clarification of the procedure by County & District Cllr Robinson, Mrs Angela Ritchie agreed to be co-opted onto the parish council (proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Guise, unanimous vote).
6. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**- It was reported that Cllr Collinge and Cllr Vear had attended a C.A.L.C. meeting on 8th July, 2014.
7. **To receive a report on crime in the Parish**- Although there is nothing recorded on the Police website, it was reported that there had been some poachers in Croglin area collecting dead rabbits that had been killed on the road.
8. **To discuss any Highways matters arising**- Most points already covered. It was noted that there are potholes on the corner and also outside the church in Ainstable.
9. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**- It was reported that the new sign post at Ainstable crossroads will be installed on Thursday 17th July. Councillors agreed that it would be good to organise some media attention to highlight the work carried out and provide a chance to thank those who have made grants towards the project.
10. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green**- The Clerk reported that she had received a statement giving the balance in the COIF account. She said that she had also received a cheque for the closing balance of the Barclays account and it was agreed that this also be paid into the COIF account.
11. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation** – Cllr Thirlwall reported that there had been four applications for grants and these have been made. The Foundation has also provided a trophy to William Howard School to be awarded to an outstanding pupil and some prize money donated for children’s races at Croglin Sports Day.
12. **To receive an update on special projects:**
 - a. Newbiggin bus shelter- It was reported that the shelter is to be installed in July/ August.

- b. Newbiggin bench- It was reported that the new bench in Newbiggin has been installed and it was agreed to carry out a survey into the condition of other parish benches. It was agreed to obtain a quote for those needed. It was noted that in Croglin the new telegraph pole would need to be moved to allow a replacement bench to be positioned there.
- c. Parish noticeboards- ongoing fundraising for these to be renewed in due course.
- d. Flooding in Croglin- The minutes of the recent subcommittee meeting have been forwarded to the Clerk. It was agreed that she send a formal letter to Helen Renyard asking for urgent action with a subsequent letter to the Chief Executive if nothing is forthcoming.

13. **To discuss dog fouling in villages**- Cllr Findlay reported that some warning letters had been issued to offenders with leaflets circulated to all households in Ainstable village. It was agreed that some extra warning signs be placed in the village.

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

- a. Website- Cllr Bellis reported that the website design has now updated and is clearer and easier to read. Councillors were asked for photos of the area to be included on it.
- b. Parish news- Cllr Smith organises the inclusion of Parish Council details in the Parish News but was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Guise reported that there were no meeting times in the last copy and it was agreed that the Clerk report this to Cllr Smith.
- c. Newsletter- Cllr Vear asked for stories to be included in the September copy.
- d. Parish File- the Clerk reported that it was up to date.

15. **To consider planning applications made and other planning matters**

- 14/0575- Mr P Hutcheson, Fellside Cottage, Croglin CA4 9RZ- Creation of vehicular access- no objections (proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Ritchie, unanimous vote).
- 14/0544- Mr D Smith, Heather Glen Country House Hotel, Ainstable CA4 9QQ- Retrospective application for a polytunnel- Councillors had no objections to the application but were disappointed that planning wasn't sought in the first place (proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Findlay, unanimous vote)
- The static caravan at Faugh Head, Ainstable has been moved.
- Cllr Little asked that an extraordinary meeting be held should an application to convert the church in Croglin be made.

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

17. **To consider correspondence received**- Letter of thanks for grant cheque from the Air Ambulance. Remaining correspondence received covered under other agenda points.

18. **To discuss finances**

- a. To pay bills due (proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Guise, unanimous vote)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£523.31	(Chq No: 100675)
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19. **To receive a report from District & County Councillor Robinson**-

- Cllr Robinson reported that there is still money in the Community fund for projects and councillors should come forward if there is anything.
- Planning allocation document- to be published in Autumn and passed on to councillors to read.
- Awaiting response on work needed in Croglin. Cllr Robinson said that she was quite dissatisfied with Highways Dept. actions i.e. that works haven't been done following the

site visit. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter stating that the parish council are disappointed about a lack of action following the visit by John Banks.

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

- Defibrillator- research First Responders coverage in the area.
- First aid courses
- Croglin Church- conversion application (extraordinary meeting to be held if this is forthcoming)
- Speeding
- Crime in village- cold callers.

21. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th September, 2014 in Croglin Village Hall

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

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The meeting closed at 8.23pm