

AINSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Ainstable Parish Council held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th March, 2014.

PRESENT: Cllr Thirlwall (chaired the meeting), Cllr Collinge, Cllr Findlay, Cllr Bellis, Cllr Miller & Cllr Guise

MINUTES

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

- Potholes on the road outside Ainstable Hall and also the road to Broomrigg.
- Towngate missed off the last leaflet sent out by the Parish Council.
- Towngate- no sign post marking it in the centre of the village.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Declaration of interests-** Planning Application- Cllr Findlay
2. **To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Vear (working) & Cllr Smith (away)
3. **Minutes: To resolve to accept the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 20th January, 2014 and the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 13th March, 2014 as a true record** (proposed by Cllr Bellis, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote by those attending each meeting).
4. **To discuss the need for new parish councillors-** No volunteers present tonight (two vacancies in Newbiggin ward and one in Ainstable ward).
5. **To receive an update on the repair of traditional road signs in the Parish**

Cllr Vear sent a report saying that the Ainstable crossroads sign will be repaired by the end of March with the others being ready by Easter, weather and Highways Department permitting.

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

It was noted that there has been a red van in Ainstable supposedly selling fish, however they have been stealing property from outside houses.

7. **Report from attendance at outside bodies**

- Council Executive Meeting- It was noted that Cllr Vear, Cllr Smith and County & District Cllr Robinson had attended the meeting on behalf of the parish.
- Street lights are being re-surveyed –the wooden pole lights will be lost but all others will be back pending a new survey. It was noted that it is no longer a requirement to have a pavement to illuminate an area and all lights will be re-assessed individually as to need.
- It was reported that the parish can request a village recycling skip but is unlikely to have the garden waste green-bin scheme extended to those households who do not already have it.

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

- Cllr Bellis reported that he can now log potholes on the County Council Highways portal and will do so for those mentioned in the public section of the meeting. It was noted that the road is in a poor state around the

Chapel corner, there are potholes outside Bargh Cottage and there is a large hole on the corner outside the Church Institute. It was noted that Ruckcroft is a mess as well with a wheelchair using parishioner having a lot of problems as they can't use the road. It was noted that County & District Cllr Robinson is taking the matter forward.

- Speeding in Ainstable village- Cllr Bellis reported that analysis of data from the speed camera in the village had shown a maximum average speed of 30mph with only one vehicle passing through at a higher speed (the camera was situated near the Millennium Green). The Police have asked that parishioners report all vehicles speeding otherwise they will not look at the problem again in the short term as the results did not demonstrate a clear problem. Cllr Bellis said that he has asked for clarification as to exactly what was recorded.
 - Letter to residents in Newbiggin- electricity is being put underground. Parishioners are concerned that places like the pub and various roads will be closed from 31st March for the work. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Bell to ask that access is maintained to places like the pub and minimum disruption is caused.
9. **To discuss the maintenance of benches and noticeboards-** Councillors agreed that Newbiggin needs a new bench (at a cost of approx. £350 + VAT). Councillors felt that it must be a more robust version than the one at Ainstable church (with a deeper seat). It was noted that the funding application for the new noticeboards is ongoing.
10. **To receive any update on the provision of a defibrillator in the parish-** Cllr Guise reported that she had attended a meeting recently on behalf of the Parish Council. Unfortunately it appears that the cost of a defibrillator for the village would be prohibitive and the population needs to be within 4 minutes of a machine for it to work.
11. **To discuss becoming a member of Friends of the Lake District-** approved at the last meeting.
12. **To receive a report on the Millennium Green and its maintenance by Eden District Council**
- Grass cutting programme- a job description is to be placed on the noticeboards and in the Parish Magazine. It was agreed that short term work could be carried out to prevent the grass becoming too long when the growing season begins.
13. **To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation-** Cllr Thirlwall reported that any young people who will be going into further or higher education and want to apply for a grant can see Cllr Thirlwall or another committee member. Posters are displayed in Newbiggin and Croglin.
14. **To receive an update on councillors' special projects**
- Newbiggin bus shelter- Cllr Vear reported that an underground survey of the area where it is to be sited is imminent. The position is likely to be where the old telephone box was.
15. **To discuss any matters relating to communications**
- Website, Parish News, Newsletter & Parish File
- Website- Cllr Bellis said that he had volunteered to help Cllr Vear with the website. He asked that the Clerk send him copies of historic minutes to be added to the site. The Clerk suggested that it might be useful to have a page covering the grant application system and perhaps an application form. It was agreed that she send the link for the Kirkoswald Parish Council website. Cllr Bellis asked for any digital photos to include on the site.

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

- 14/0195 Mr R Harrison- Redstones House, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9QA- Revision of previously approved dwelling (under 02/0081) incorporating new window arrangement

It was noted that there are a number of inaccuracies in the application and the windows overlook another property.

Councillors agreed that the window must be made of frosted glass as it overlooks another property. (proposed by Cllr Bellis, seconded by Cllr Guise, all but one in favour).

- Faugh Head Caravan- The Faugh Head caravan move will be enforced but Eden District Planning Dept. are allowing a little time due to bad weather making it hard for the farm to comply.
- **To receive feedback on the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 13th March to discuss the proposed wind turbine planning application.**

It was noted that the application had not yet been submitted. A number of councillor reiterated their concerns about a proposal, feeling that on landscaping grounds alone it would be wrong and on financial grounds it did not appear to make sense. Councillors were concerned that in other areas turbines are abandoned as people can't afford to maintain them. It was agreed that Cllr Vear had run the meeting very well and had presented a balanced argument.

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

18. **To consider correspondence received**- None, already covered

19. **To discuss finances**

- To resolve to make payments due – (proposed by Cllr Collinge, seconded by Cllr Miller, unanimous vote)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£547.89
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20. **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson**- Unable to attend.

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

- Litter pick
- Dog fouling

22. **Date of the next meeting**- A.G.M. of Ainstable Millennium Green to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th May, 2014 in Croglin Village Hall followed immediately by the A.G.M. of Ainstable Parish Council and then the bi-monthly ordinary meeting.

Signed: *R.E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

18.03.14

Closed at 8.13pm