

# 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 Public Meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held in Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21 July 2015.

## Present

Cllr J Thirwell, Cllr A Ritchie, Cllr C Guise,  
Cllr H Proud, Cllr E G Proud, Cllr R Bradshaw

## Minutes

The Deputy Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. In the absence of a Parish Clerk he requested that Cllr H Proud take notes for the minutes.

- 1) Open Meeting** - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).  
One member of the public in attendance. - No points to discuss.

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- 2) Declarations of interests** – None.
- 3) To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Vear, Cllr Smith, Cllr Bellis, Cllr Little.
- 4) To discuss the co-option of a new councillor for Newbiggin.**  
Potential new councillor, Rosemary, was unable to attend this meeting. There continues to be a vacancy for the Newbiggin ward.
- 5) To resolve to accept the minutes of the following meetings as a true record.**
  - a) Tues 19 May 2014 – Ordinary Meeting.**  
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2015 as a true record. Proposed by Cllr H Proud, Seconded by Cllr G Proud.
  - b) Mon 1 June 2015 – Extraordinary Meeting re St John’s Church Croglin.**  
Extraordinary Meeting 1 June 2015 - Cllr Ritchie pointed out that in addition to those named Caitlin Carrick was also established as a member of the sub-committee formed. The minutes will be amended accordingly.  
Cllr Ritchie asked us to note that both she and Cllr Little are no longer members of that sub-committee.  
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Mon 1 June 2015 in the amended form. Proposed by Cllr G Proud, Seconded by Cllr C Guise.
- 6) To discuss the appointment of a Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council.**  
A new Clerk, Lindsay Nicholson, has been interviewed and found to be suitable. It was voted unanimously to approve her appointment and she will commence at the beginning of August.
- 7) To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson.**  
County Councillor Robinson was absent so no report received.
- 8) Report from attendance at outside bodies.** – None.
- 9) To receive a report on crime in the Parish.** – Nothing to report.

**10) To discuss any Highways matters arising.**

Cllr H Proud pointed out a dangerous pot hole to the left of the T junction below Cross House Farm. She will report this to Cllr Bellis for him to pass on to Highways.

Cllr Bradshaw pointed out that the box on the wall beside the light at Town Gate is in need of replacement as it is in a state such as it could allow water onto cables inside. This box feeds power to both the light and to the private dwelling. It was discussed and agreed that the best way forward would be to report it to the electricity supplier as a domestic power supply fault.

Croglin lighting: Cllr Thirwell said that 3 lights are to be retained one of which is opposite Mulcaster Place. However 6 objections have been raised to the retention of this light in a formal letter to the Parish Council. This is to be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**11) To receive a report on the Millennium Green.**

Cllr Bradshaw requested an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss financing and use of the Millennium Green.

**12) To receive an update on Croglin Educational Foundation.**

Cllr Thirwell reported that they have approved the grant application.

**13) To discuss potential plans for the development and use of St John's Church, Croglin.**

Cllr Thirwell reported that the sub-committee had had a few meeting where various options and ideas were discussed but no positive progress has been achieved.

**14) To receive an update on special projects:**

a) **Parish benches** – Nothing to report.

b) **Parish noticeboards**

It was agreed that an agenda item is to be listed for the next meeting to discuss those that could be repaired, replaced or done away with.

c) **Flooding in Croglin**

Cllr Ritchie pointed out that there was still a problem in one particular area when there was a cloud burst and that a meeting is to be arranged with the County Council to try to source the reason. Cllr Thirwell reported that overall a very good job had been done to alleviate the flooding in the village.

d) **Litter bins** – Nothing to report.

**15) To discuss any matters relating to communications.**

Cllr Thirwell reported that as the previous Parish Clerk had felt unable to hand back the lap top she had been provided with as it held information not relating to parish council business she has supplied the parish council with a new one. This has been received.

**16) To consider planning applications made and other planning matters.** – Nothing to report.

**17) To notify the Council of planning decisions received.** – Nothing to report.

**18) To consider correspondence received.**

A letter of objection to the retention of the light opposite Mulcaster Place in Croglin has been received. An acknowledgement is to be sent and the matter discussed at the next meeting.

**19) To discuss finances.**

Cllr Bradshaw and Cllr H Proud pointed out that the projected figures produced for the year ending 31 March 2016 show a figure of only £118 above the minimum reserve required. This was discussed and it was agreed that an agenda item be listed for the next meeting to review grant payments and areas where savings can be made.

**20) To pay bills due** – None Due.

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

Lighting at Croglin.

Financing and use of the Millennium Green.

Noticeboards.

Finances.

New agenda item – Matters Arising.

Defibrillator Signs.

Neighbourhood Plan. (ask Cllr Robinson to attend and discuss)

**Date of the next meeting** – Tuesday 22 September 2015.

**22)** The Deputy Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed: *Nigel Vear*

Chairman of Ainstable Parish Council

30 July 2015