

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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You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Public Meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council
to be held in Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19 Jan 2016.

Minutes

In attendance Cllr N Vear, Cllr J Thirwell, Cllr H Bellis, Cllr D Smith, Cllr H Proud,
Cllr G Proud, County & District Cllr M Robinson

- 1) **Open Meeting** - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins).

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- 2) **Declarations of interests.**
Cllr C Guise, Cllr A Ritchie – church graveyards.
- 3) **To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr H Little, Cllr D Bradshaw
- 4) **To discuss the co-option of a new councillor for Newbiggin.**
None presented.
- 5) **To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tue 24 Nov as a true record.**
proposed Cllr C Guise, seconded Cllr H Proud.
- 6) **To receive a report from County Councillor Robinson.**
Lazonby fire station.
County Council Budget – invitation for comments from parish councils.
- 7) **To discuss the appointment of a new parish clerk.**
Chairman has received one phone call so far. To meet prospective clerk in Feb half-term.
Advert in Herald may yield more applicants.
- 8) **To discuss the Standing Orders and Procedures.**
Cllr H Proud to look at standing orders, and procedures.
- 9) **To discuss the Millennium Green Trust.**
Recycling – Chairman to contact Eden to check on current rates and viability.
Insurance renewal notice to send back.
Banking – Cllr H Bellis to look at moving accounts to the Cumberland.
Councillors request sight of governing documents.
- 10) **Report from attendance at outside bodies.**
Cllr H Bellis attended broadband meetings – notes below.
- 11) **To receive a report on crime in the Parish.**
Clerk account receives updates, nothing specific for the parish
- 12) **To discuss any Highways matters arising.**
Cllr H Bellis to refer problems to highways
 - a) **Flooding in Croglin & Ruckcroft.**
One of the farmers has complained about the sleeping policeman catching water. 2 houses flooded in Ruckcroft, water got into both garages. This problem needs a much larger drain, the existing pipes are too small. Highways to complete the work but the village will have to accept

the work done. Cllr Bellis is trying to get consensus in the village, the majority are now in agreement.

No more reports of flooding in Croglin, the repairs to the drains seem to have worked.

Stock of flood snakes – Cllr A Ritchie to check how many we have left unused, and whether we need to order any more.

Drains on side of road – land owner is usually responsible – Cllr H Bellis to ask Highways to write to some critical landowners with regard to clearing drains on the roads above Ainstable.

b) Drain below Black Barn below Faugh Head – Cllr H Bellis to report.

c) Extensions to the 30mph limits in the parish – Cllr H Bellis to chase up.

13) To discuss Bridleways & Footpaths within the parish.

The last work on footpaths was Feb 2011 – the parish needs to think about conducting another survey to see if there are any repairs required. This could usefully be carried out by volunteers, suggestion to contact the local Ramblers group to see if they are interested.

14) To receive a report on the development of Broadband in the parish.

The current situation should be resolved by 31 Mar 2016. This work has to be done as it is Phase 1. If you are within 1 mile of cabinet it should be possible to get superfast broadband. Outside of this as you are probably not going to see much improvement. Croglin is getting fibre to house. Households have to apply to their ISP if they want to have improved service. The ISPs may advertise direct to households, but people will have to ask for better service. Phase 2 should be announced by the middle of the year. Satellite is possible for those outside of range, but this is not a good option.

15) To discuss Ainstable and Croglin churchyard funding.

To ask PCC for sight of receipts to establish what the monies are used for to ensure the monies are being used for the maintenance of the public graveyards and not being diverted into other accounts.

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

The Church Commissioners and the Carlisle Diocese Office have gone very quiet since being asked to account for the monies and land given to support the church in Croglin. The Chairman to send another email to ask them to provide the answers they have already promised.

17) To discuss streetlights.

Chairman has asked Eden DC for costs - to send a reminder.

18) Parish Land – registration

To be followed up – Cllr H Proud to look through old documents, and make a list of land.

19) To discuss the Parish noticeboards.

Cllr D Bradshaw and Cllr H Bellis looked at the current situation and options. 2 years ago we agreed 2 X 6 A4 model in recycled plastic. Preference now is for a 3 panel with map in centre panel with parish and tourist information.

The meeting discussed the requirements:

Ainstable – 3 panel

Ruckcroft – 2 panel, but possibly make same as the others

Old Chapel – 3 panel

Croglin – 3 panel to fit behind the bench

Newbiggin – 3 panel

Costs - 2 panel = £1,500 – 3 panel = £2,000 – installation cost would be local.

The noticeboards at Ruckcroft and the Old Chapel below Hanging Brow Wood to have some minimal maintenance in the short term.

The Chairman to send out details of sources of funding. County & District Cllr M Robinson raised the question of local businesses providing sponsorship. Cllr D Bradshaw and Cllr H Bellis to draw up a proposal with costings, and to obtain current estimates for use in grant applications.

20) To discuss Defibrillators – signs and grant applications for additional locations.

Croglin have received 2 training kits. They have been awarded 1 defibrillator which should arrive in approximately 6 weeks. This may be delayed as some businesses have been affected by flooding. Ainstable application is progressing but has not been fully approved as yet. The Parish Council to pay for local installation costs.

21) To discuss any matters relating to communications.

Cllr N Vear and Cllr H Bellis to look at website – some updates needed.

22) To consider planning applications made and other planning matters.

Planning permission received for the Heather Glen Hotel.

23) To consider correspondence received.

Chairman has received emails regarding dog fouling – to refer any identifiable addresses to the Eden dog warden.

24) To discuss finances.

The Parish Council will have possibly £2,500 - £3,000 left due to not having to pay for a Clerk this financial year.

Any monies left to be put towards current parish projects

- Noticeboards – see above.
- Traditional signposts – Hanging Brow, Newbiggin, Croglin.
- Defibrillators – if not funded by BHF grant applications.

25) To pay bills due.

None due.

26) Points to be raised at the next meeting.

- Dogs
- Recycling
- New Councillor

27) Date of the next meeting – Tues 15 Mar 2016.

Signed: *Nigel Vear*

Chairman of Ainstable Parish Council

29 Jan 2016