

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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Minutes of the ordinary bi-monthly meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council
held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th January 2018.

Present:

Cllr Vear (Chairman); Cllr H Proud; Cllr Thirlwall; Cllr G Proud; Cllr Smith; Cllr Robinson; Cllr Bradshaw;
Cllr Bellis; Cllr Guise

2 members of the public

Kimberley Lawson - Clerk

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

It was reported that two footway lights are out in Ainstable – one by the Methodist Chapel and one by the Church Institute. The Clerk to report this to EDC.

Cllr Thirlwall had been asked by a member of the public to reported that the roll of honour and an embroidery are missing from Croglin Church. Since the church is not the responsibility of the parish council, Cllr Thirlwall will report this to the PCC or the Vicar.

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2. Apologies were received from Cllr Ritchie and County Councillor Driver.
3. Declarations of interests:
Cllr Guise declared an interest in item 10.7, as a member of St Michaels & All Angels PCC.
4. **Resolved:** to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 21st November 2017 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. Since County Councillor Driver was not at the meeting, there was no report from her.
6. A verbal report was received from District Councillor Robinson.
7. To receive updates on current projects and issues:
 - 7.1. Benches (Clerk)
The Clerk has received a quote for a new bench but it is a lot more than the previous quote. The Clerk will investigate this further.
 - 7.2. Cllrs Vear and Bradshaw reported on the progress of the Car Park project.
 - 7.3. Cllr Robinson is happy that the information boards on the fell path at Newbiggin are fine now they have been cleaned and no further action is necessary.
 - 7.4. Footway lighting (Chairman)
Cllr Robinson reported that the light at Newbiggin has now been fixed. The deadline for parishes

to decide whether they wish to adopt footway lights from Eden District Council has been extended until 2019.

8. To discuss bus shelters (Cllrs Vear & Bellis)

- 8.1. Cllr Vear is awaiting a revised price from the supplier for the Ruckcroft shelter.
- 8.2. The purchase of the shelter cannot be considered until the revised price is received.
- 8.3. There was no update on the purchase of the replacement shelter for Ainstable.
- 8.4. The Clerk reported that she has a volunteer assisting with research at the Archive Centre to enable her to apply for the registration of the land for the Ainstable shelter.

9. To discuss Ainstable Millennium Green (Chairman).

- 9.1. **Resolved:** to accept the proposal from Neil Ruddick for the maintenance of the paths at the Millennium Green.
- 9.2. The council received an update from Neil Ruddick regarding the development of a wild flower meadow at the Green.

10. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):

- 10.1. The Clerk read out the balances on the parish council's bank accounts.
- 10.2. The council received the budget reconciliation for Q3
- 10.3. As Cllr Ritchie is unable to attend, the Q3 budget reconciliation has not been signed off and so cannot yet be presented to the council.
- 10.4. The following receipts were noted:

December			AMOUNT - £	
4th	RN03	Unity Bank	£ 2.24	Bank Interest
12th	11	Land Registry	£ 30.00	Refund of fee for registration of Sand Pit
31st	RN04	Unity Bank	£ 1.60	Bank Interest

10.5. The following payments were noted:

December		VN	CHEQUE NO.	AMOUNT - £	EMPOWERING LEGISLATION
4th	Croglin Village Hall	42	EP	£ 45.00	Local Government Act 1972 s 134 (4)
4th	SLCC	43	EP	£ 84.00	Local Government Act 1972 s.111
12th	Information Commissioners	46	DD	£ 35.00	Data Protection Act 1998
15th	K Lawson - salary	45	SO	£ 314.01	Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s 5
31st	Unity Bank - service charge	50	EP	£ 18.00	Local Government Act 1972 s 151

10.6. **Resolved:** to pay the following bills:

VN	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO.	BUDGET HEADING	AMOUNT - £	EMPOWERING LEGISLATION
47	Community Heartbeat Trust	EP	Debrillators	£ 210.00	Public Health Act 1936 s234
49	K Lawson - Expenses	EP	Administration	£ 35.00	Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s 5

10.7. The Clerk presented a budget proposal to the council for the financial year commencing 1st April 2018. After some discussion, a few amendments were made.

Resolved: that the £400 for the re-gravelling and extra maintenance of the Millennium Green is paid for by Ainstable Millennium Green Trust.

Resolved: to accept the budget proposal as amended.

10.8. There were no other matters relating to banking and finance.

11. There were no reports from attendance at outside bodies.

12. Cllr G Proud reported that a sheep has been killed in Broomrigg. He has made enquiries and it does not belong to a local farmer. No other crimes have been reported.

13. To discuss any Highways matters arising, and consider actions:

13.1. Potholes and general maintenance (Cllr Bellis)

Various highways issues were raised. Cllr Bellis will report these to Highways, where he has not already done so.

13.2. Cllr Guise reported that the footway light in Ghyll Croft behind the old pub is angled in such a way that it is blinding drivers coming up the road. The Clerk will report this to EDC.

The Clerk has reported to Highways that the iron fence on the edge of the field at Ainstable Crossroad is falling down and needs attention.

14. To review and consider policies and procedures (Chairman)

14.1. **Resolved:** to adopt the Grants policy for the coming year.

14.2. The council received an update regarding a Data Protection policy to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force in May.

15. There was no update on the development of Broadband in the parish.

16. Cllr Bellis circulated information provided by the Fire Officer. Since Cumbria Fire Brigade's policy is to use bowsers in preference to hydrants, Cllr Bellis does not feel he can press the Fire Officer any further on fire hydrant maintenance.

Action: Cllr Bellis to ask Cllr Driver to challenge this CCC policy.

17. To discuss any matters relating to communications.

17.1. The Chairman reported that the Clerk has drafted a newsletter and is awaiting photographs to complete it.

18. Cllr Smith reported that Cumbria Tourism has agreed to produce a new map, which includes Ainstable and surrounding area, on its website. He appealed for good photos of the area that could be included with the map.

19. To consider planning applications made and other planning matters. (Chairman)

19.1. The decision on the following application was noted:

17/0936	Holme Farm, The Dale	Livestock shed	Granted
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19.2. The Clerk reported that she has written to EDC planning regarding 16/0670 peak generator housing to voice concerns raised by residents.

20. Defibrillators.

20.1. The Clerk reported that all the paperwork for the Newbiggin defibrillator has now been sent to the Community Heartbeat Trust.

20.2. A community awareness session is to take place on Tuesday 20th Feb, from 7.30pm at the Heather Glen.

21. To discuss parish land.

21.1. The Clerk wrote to the tenant to propose a new rent of £100 per acre. Cllr Bellis has spoken to the tenant and he has accepted the revised rate.

21.2. There was no update on the registration of Croglin Quarry (Clerk)

22. The correspondence register was received.

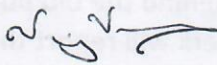
23. Points to be raised at the next meeting to be sent to the Clerk.

24. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 20th March 2018.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Signed:

Chairman



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