

# Ainstable Parish Council

Serving the villages of Ainstable, Croglin, Newbiggin, and Ruckcroft,  
the communities of Dale and Longdales, and the surrounding farms and houses

**Chairman: Nigel Vear,**  
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Minutes of the ordinary bi-monthly meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held at Ainstable Village Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr H Bellis; Cllr G Proud; Cllr H Proud; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr A Ritchie;  
Cllr M Robinson; Cllr J Thirlwall; Cllr D Smith

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

A member of the public came to express concern about planning application 18/0961.

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2. **Declarations of interests.**

none

3. **To receive, and resolve to accept the reasons for, apologies for absence.**

Parish Clerk Kimberley Lawson – unwell  
County Councillor Claire Driver  
Councillor Christine Guise

4. **To resolve to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a true record.**

Proposed Cllr H Proud, second Cllr Bellis, unanimous

5. **To receive updates on current projects and issues: (Chairman)**

a. **Community Shelters**

Ainstable is now complete with noticeboard  
Ruckcroft shelter is complete, waiting for defibrillator to be fitted  
Newbiggin currently in good condition

b. **Defibrillator for Ruckcroft**

The new owners of Fernlea, Ruckcroft, are happy to supply the electricity, but the parish council needs to put the electric cables for the supply in. This will require a wayleave agreement with current owner – details to be discussed. Recommended this is also done for the Newbiggin defibrillator.

Chairman to ask Greg Metcalfe to break down the quote. We will go ahead once this has been received – proposed Cllr Robinson, second Cllr Bellis, unanimous.

c. **Benches**

Chairman to speak to John Garget, if not Cllr Bellis will remove the log.

d. **Grit bins**

Bin needing to be replaced at the top of hill on the road from Croglin towards Newbiggin.  
New bin needed south of Croglin beside the Croglin signpost.  
Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways

- e. **Finger post at Newbiggin**  
Ongoing grant applications require additional policies.
- f. **War Memorial Listing**  
Croglin listed, still waiting for Ainstable to be listed.
6. **To receive a verbal report from County Councillor Driver.**  
Sent apologies
7. **To receive a verbal report from District Councillor Robinson.**  
The Penrith Master Plan is taking time – referred back to the Executive for proper consultation. This may result in large restructuring in EDC. How to improve scrutiny. Recommendation planning applications do not go through to committee – possible changes to planning process.  
Cllr Robinson appeared in a video to encourage people to stand for local elections.
8. **To receive reports from attendance at outside bodies.**  
Cllr Bellis explained current position with broadband.
9. **To receive a report from the Car Park Committee (Cllr Bradshaw)**  
The parish council agreed this is not a car park – to be referred to as Holme Holt.  
To progress the project it needs planning permission so we can apply for grants.
10. **To receive a report from the Croglin Parish Church Committee (Cllr Robinson)**  
Cllr Robinson has been attempting to bring together a group who are interested in developing the church. There are still some interested people. Cllr Robinson reports some communication from the Diocese Office wanting to know if the project will go ahead. To message Neal Andrews at the Diocese Office to find out about any repairs being carried out. There are possible grants available.
11. **To receive a report from the NDP Committee (Cllr Vear)**
  - a. **To discuss a Housing Survey**  
The survey was rough drafted at the Neighbourhood Planning meeting last week. This will be sent out to all addresses in the parish – Clerk to request an updated list of addresses.  
Survey to be returned by post or completed online – entries to be tied to address.  
To be a combined Neighbourhood Development and Parish Plan survey.  
It was noted that local profiles The Dale and Red Lion Hill are still required.
12. **To discuss matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):**
  - a. **To receive a verbal report on the bank account balances**  
Not available due to Clerk illness
  - b. **To note receipts:**  
Accepted
  - c. **To note payments:**  
Accepted
  - d. **To discuss the grant for St Michael & All Angels**  
There was some disquiet about the amount the parish council was paying to the PCC. The payment has been agreed for this year, but will be reviewed with the PCC, with details, for future years.  
Proposed Cllr Bellis, seconded Cllr G Proud - unanimous
  - e. **To consider the budget for FY 2019-20**  
The Chairman went through the budget  
Proposed Cllr Bellis, seconded Cllr Bradshaw – unanimous
  - f. **To receive the bank reconciliation for Q1 & Q2**  
Not available due to Clerk illness

g. **Any other matters relating to banking and finance**

Nothing

**13. To discuss the Ainstable Millennium Green Trust (Chairman)**

a. **To receive an update regarding the ownership of the dry-stone wall**

It is accepted that the wall is an enclosure wall and as such belongs to the Millennium Green. Cllr G Proud to have a word with Bob Proud and Kenny Dixon to scope the work and obtain a quote.

b. **To receive an update on the payment of Wayleave**

Due to changes in the way the CCLA bank account now works, the wayleave payments will be paid to the Parish Council who will forward the monies to the Millennium Green.

c. **To consider updating the payment instructions for the Trust's CCLA account**

Accepted – 2 Cllrs authorised the change.

d. **To consider making a grant of £400 to cover the cost of renewing the gravel paths**

This work was completed and paid for year.

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

The Chairman spoke about 2 highways matters in Ainstable

Drain to be removed at Road Ends

Culvert under the road between Ainstable and Faugh Head will be replaced in the next financial year

Street lights needing attention:

Outside The Heather Glen

Outside top of Croglin village outside Quarry Farm

a. **Traffic calming in Croglin**

Clerk to go back to Cumbria Highways to discuss a possible to village gateway and other calming measures.

b. **Potential movement of Ainstable village signs**

Clerk to ask Cumbria Highways to explore placing village name sign to the boundary of the 30mph limit.

c. **Dog Fouling in the parish**

Eden DC have supplied up to date leaflet which will be delivered with the newsletter and parish survey.

d. **Blocked drain in Ruckcroft**

Cllr Bellis has reported this to Cumbria Highways

e. **Flooding of the beck at Powsey Syke**

Cllr Bellis and Cllr Smith to report to Cumbria Highways

**15. To receive a report on parish council trees and consider next action (Cllr Vear)**

The Clerk and a previous parish clerk, Ms Jackie Ellis, have worked through the old minute books to identify the locations of all the trees planted by the parish council in past years.

The parish council expresses its thanks to Ms Ellis for her assistance in this matter.

The Clerk will develop a register of trees and organised annual inspections.

**16. To consider the following policies:**

The Chairman explained the need for the policies and the need for some additional policies.

a. **Grants Policy**

Proposed Cllr Hazel Proud, seconded Cllr Howard Bellis – unanimous

**b. Heritage Policy**

Proposed Cllr Hazel Proud, seconded Cllr Howard Bellis – unanimous

**c. Environmental Policy**

This was briefly discussed, the Chairman asked Cllrs for suggestions for topics to include.

**17. To receive a verbal report on the development of Broadband in the parish. (Cllr Bellis)**

There are future plans but nothing concrete yet – to maintain a watching brief.

There is a need for people to choose Superfast broadband at renewal time as Cumbria County Council gets money back based on this which is then used to fund more provision of Superfast.

**18. To discuss any matters relating to communications. (Chairman)**

**a. Newsletter for Ainstable ward**

To become a whole parish newsletter with stories to illustrate parish work. The newsletter to be accompanied by Housing/Parish Survey and dog fouling leaflet.

Any stories to be sent to the chairman and the clerk with photos where possible.

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

**a. To note the decision(s) for the following application(s):**

None

**b. To consider responses for the following application(s):**

18/0961 – Field at Ruckcroft – Generator

The meeting discussed this application at some length drawing attention to various complaints and comments from members of the local population.

The parish council had previously voted to oppose this application, the chairman was requested to write to Eden Planning outlining the objection.

**c. Any other planning matters**

None

**20. To discuss any Rights of Way matters arising, and consider actions:**

**a. Dog gates on stiles (Cllr Proud)**

Cumbria Footpaths Officer – Geoff Fewkes – has agreed the need for these. To be planned into schedule of works.

**b. Change stile to gate on footpath 301004 in Newbiggin (Cllr Robinson)**

Cllr Robinson to organise.

**c. To consider a public right of way around Ainstable Churchyard**

Chairman to ask Cumbria Footpath Officer to initiate the process to get this re-opened.

**21. To receive a verbal report on crime in the Parish.**

Nothing noted.

**22. To consider correspondence received.**

Cllrs all aware

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

Any topics to be emailed to Clerk.

**24. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Ainstable Church Institute.**

Signed: *Kimberley Lawson*

Clerk to Ainstable Parish Council

7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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