

# Ainstable Parish Council

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the communities of Dale and Longdales, and the surrounding farms and houses

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An extraordinary meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held at Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chairman); Cllr G Proud; Cllr H Proud; Cllr M Robinson; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr H Bellis; Cllr C Sproat; Cllr A Ritchie  
In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk);  
4 members of the public

## Minutes

1. Apologies were received from County Cllr Driver.
2. To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest.

Receive any declarations of interest of any disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting. Members are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when an item or issue is considered.

None

3. To receive a recommendation for the route for the proposed Public Right of Way application.  
The Chairman reported that Cumbria Rights of Way (RoW) officers' preferred outcome is to negotiate an agreement under the Highways Act with the landowners and they will pursue this. However, applications for an extension to the existing RoW may still be submitted. To expedite and streamline the application process, it is requested that all applications are channelled through Ainstable Parish Council. The proposed route must be submitted to RoW officers, who will carry out a final survey and agree it. The parish council will then make a map of this agreed route and the application form available to residents. The form is not onerous and the parish council can facilitate form filling sessions to assist residents.

After some discussion, a route was agreed that would give access to the weir and the riverbank to the "Armathwaite Faces" and extend down through the Forestry land at Coombs Wood to make a complete route.

4. To discuss evidence found to support the application.  
It was reported that residents are still collating evidence and the Chairman encouraged them to keep doing that – guide books, maps, tourism leaflets etc.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Robinson to ask East Cumbria Countryside Project for any old records.
5. To agree next steps.  
The Chairman will present the proposed route to Cumbria RoW officers, who will provide a final map for the applications. When this has been received, the parish council will make the map and application forms available via its website and will host some form-filling drop-ins.  
**ACTION:** anyone with any evidence to support the application should please send copies of that

evidence to the parish council with their application. The parish council will provide copies of everything to the landowners and CCC.

Cllr Sproat left the meeting

The Chairman will also speak to the landowner again to try to negotiate an agreement. It was agreed that a deadline for applications to be received by the parish council would need to be set, ideally a month from when the maps are received from RoW officers.

6. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020, at 7.30pm at Ainstable Church Institute.

Meeting closed 20:42

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