

# 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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You are hereby summoned to attend the ordinary bi-monthly meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**

to be held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Present: Cllr Vear (Chairman); Cllr Bellis; Cllr Sproat; Cllr Smith

In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk)

1. Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern  
Cllr Bellis reported that some members of the public had asked him to report that they would have come but, in line with government advice regarding social distancing, are not. They expressed surprise that the parish council was holding a meeting.

## Minutes

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Robinson, H&G Proud, Bradshaw, Ritchie and County Councillor Driver.
3. There were no Declarations of Interest from any councillor.
4. **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. To discuss a Housing Needs Survey with EDC officers. The EDC Officers were not attending the meeting in line with government advice. They have provided a draft survey which has been circulated on email for members' comments. There was a discussion about the timing of sending the survey to get best responses, but nothing was firmly agreed.
6. To receive updates on current projects and issues: (Chairman)
  - a. Newbiggin fingerpost – waiting for Highways to install. The grant from Highways has been received. The grant from Friends of the Lake District will be paid after installation.
  - b. Light in Ruckcroft shelter – Cllr Vear will install one.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Vear to email details of the light to the Clerk to order.
  - c. Benches  
**ACTION:** Cllr Vear to remind Eric Bell regarding installation. Cllr Bellis to speak to Cllr Bradshaw about removing the old log bench.
  - d. Noticeboards  
**ACTION:** Cllr Vear to keep asking Mortons.
  - e. Holme Holt – The public consultation has been cancelled in line with government advice regarding social distancing. The leaflets had already been printed and it was agreed to put a sticker on the leaflets to show that meeting is cancelled and to send them out in parish magazine anyway for information about the Holme Holt project. The spare leaflets can be amended and distributed when a new date is able to be set.
  - f. Coombs Wood – Geoff Fewkes is looking into the legal position and working on the map. There is a legal deposition on Armathwaite Place land which now means evidence of public

use of the land prior to 1990 is required to support the applications. Evidence prior to 2005 for the use of the Forestry Commission land at Coombs Wood is also required.

7. County Councillor Driver has sent an email update.
8. District Councillor Robinson has sent apologies but hopes to attend Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday.
9. No members have attended any external meetings.
10. To discuss Croglin Church – APPENDIX 1  
The Church Commissioner will now put the church building up for sale.  
**RESOLVED:** The Chairman will draft a letter to Norman Bilsborough, thanking him for giving the parish council the time to attempt to find a community use for the building.

11. To discuss any Highways matters arising, and consider actions:
  - a. Planters for village gateways.  
**RESOLVED:** To defer this item until a future meeting.
  - b. Any other Highways matters arising.  
Cllr Bellis reported a ditch in Ruckcroft that is blocked and has been flooding the road. The tenant is going to clear it.  
Highways are working their way around all the potholes left by recent storms.

12. To discuss any Rights of Way matters arising, and consider actions:
  - a. To receive an update regarding Coombs Wood – already discussed.
  - b. Any other Rights of Way matters arising.  
Cllr Smith enquired whether Fellfoot Forward could be asked to provide signage and waymarkers for the Rights of Way on the fellside.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact FellFoot Forward.

13. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):
  - a. A verbal report on the bank account balances was made.
  - b. The following payments were noted:

**January**

Date	Payee	Amount	Empowering Legislation
16th	Lloyds Bank plc	£ 95.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.151; Local Government Act 1972 s.111
20th	Royal British Legion	£ 40.00	Local Government Act 1972, s. 137
20th	CALC	£ 45.00	Local Government Act 1972 s.111
20th	Greenbarnes	£ 1,160.78	Parish Councils Act 1957, ss1(1) and 7; Public Trustee Rules 1912, rule 30; Local Government Act 1894, s 6(1)(c)

**February**

Date	Payee	Amount	Empowering Legislation
15th	K Lawson	£ 303.42	Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5
16th	Lloyds Bank plc	£ 3.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.151

**March**

Date	Payee	Amount	Empowering Legislation
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2nd	Signpost Restoration Ltd	£ 6,741.60	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 30
13th	K Lawson	£ 303.42	Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5

- c. Any other matters relating to banking and finance.  
 Cllr Sproat has now registered for the council's online banking.  
 It was confirmed that the replacement parts for the log walk on the Millennium Green to be paid for from the Green's account.

14. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the following policies:

- a. Health & Safety
- b. Code of Conduct
- c. Freedom of Information

15. To discuss any matters relating to communications. (Chairman)

The Parish Council has to comply with incoming Website accessibility regulations. This can be combined with a refresh for the website anyway to be as compliant as possible and also mobile optimised.

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

- a. There were no planning applications to consider.
- b. To receive an update regarding application 19/0760 Peak Power Generator.  
 The planning officer has advised that there is no timescale for completion of planning conditions. But the generator has been used and is being remote-started from Manchester and is reportedly very smoky when it does. The question was asked: since the generator is in use, should it now be complying with all the planning conditions? It was noted that the site has been improved and new hedgerow planted. But the generator is an eyesore.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to submit a Freedom of Information request to Electricity North West to obtain the running times records for the last 12 months.
- c. The outcome of the following application was noted:

Application no.	Location	Proposal	Outcome
19/0672 & 19/0673	Armathwaite Place	Subdivision of residential annex to form 2 residential annexes & Listed building consent to enable subdivision of residential annex to form 2 residential annexes.	Granted

- d. Any other planning matters.  
 It was reported that application 19/0219 Hillside Ruckcroft has been granted on appeal

17. There was nothing to report regarding crime in the Parish.

18. To consider correspondence received.

Advice has been received from NALC regarding COVID-19 and the Statement from the Secretary of State.

19. There will be no further meetings of Ainstable Parish Council until further notice and while we await further guidance and information from national government.

The meeting closed at 20.42