

# 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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The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held virtually via MS Teams at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Present: Cllr N Vear (Chair); Cllr H Bellis; Cllr D Bradshaw; Cllr A Ritchie; Cllr D Smith; Cllr H Proud; Cllr G Proud

In attendance: Kimberley Lawson (Clerk)

## Minutes

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1. Open Meeting - for discussion of matters of general parish concern (10 mins) - None.

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2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sproat and from County Cllr Driver.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Resolved:** to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as a true record.
5. County Councillor Driver had already forwarded her report via email.
6. District Councillor Robinson had already forwarded her report via email. She added that the EDC free parking scheme has been extended until the end of year.
7. To receive updates on current projects and issues:
  - 7.1. Superfast broadband – a revised quote for the Ruckcroft scheme is awaited, after the previous one had mistakenly included a property in Aiketgate, which doubled the cost. There has been an enquiry from a resident at The Dale; Cllr Bellis has signposted him to the relevant government websites and informed him of the need to gain support from the community for the scheme. Dale is on a different line than Ruckcroft so cannot be included on Ruckcroft scheme. The Newbiggin project is progressing well and should be live in the next few weeks.
  - 7.2. Newbiggin signpost – has been installed. Unfortunately, David Gosling was not informed of the installation date; he usually would attend to supervise and, as a result, the sign is standing a bit proud of the ground. Highways are aware of this but consider that the sign is safe; they can reinstall in a deeper hole in the future if required.
  - 7.3. Other signposts – Now that the Newbiggin signpost has been installed, we can begin working towards the final two signposts for the parish that were identified at the outset of the project: Croglin, and Armathwaite Methodist Chapel. They will need to be grant funded, which may prove difficult due to the Covid situation.  
**Action:** The Clerk to enquire with Fellfoot Forward, who have previously expressed an interest in funding this project.
8. To discuss matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):

8.1. The following payments were noted:

August

Date	Payee	V.N.	Payment method	Amount	Empowering Legislation
10th	Eden Valley Flix	025	EP	£ 315.00	Local Government Act 1972 s 145 Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5
15th	K Lawson - salary	026	EP	£ 303.42	Local Government Act 1972, s.151
17th	Lloyds Bank plc	027	DD	£ 3.00	Local Government Act 1972, s.151
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15th	K Lawson - salary & back dated pay award	029	EP	£ 360.06	Local Government Act 1972 s.112 (1); Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963, s.5

8.2. **Resolved:** to approve the council's standing orders and direct debits for the coming year.

8.3. Councillors received a verbal update on the annual audit.

8.4. Any other matters relating to banking and finance. - none

9. To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan for Ainstable and decide next steps.

A draft Housing Needs Survey has been circulated to councillors. Circulation of this survey to residents was delayed in March due to lockdown; it was felt that residents were unlikely to complete a survey at that time. Councillors felt that this was no longer the case and that the survey could now be circulated. There was some discussion about the possible effects of the government's new planning bill and of devolution on the neighbourhood planning process but in any eventuality, sites for development will need to be identified and the survey will assist with this.

**Action:** the Clerk to ask EDC officers to go ahead with the survey, and find out the timescales.

10. To discuss Cumbria County Council's policy on closing trailer and van access to Household Waste Recycling Centres.

County Cllr Driver had already reported that HWRC's are now open again to trailers, vans etc. The reasons given for the closure were because staff are unable to help with unloading due to Covid restrictions, and to reduce traffic on the site. However, councillors felt that this was counter-productive as residents would potentially have to make multiple trips to HWRC's with a car instead of just one with a trailer. This is also time-consuming for residents who live some distance from a HWRC as is the case in Ainstable.

**Action:** the Clerk to write to County Cllr Driver asking for a different policy to be adopted in the case of any future lockdown.

11. The annual inspection report from Playdale for the equipment on Ainstable Millennium Green was received. It contains nothing unusual. The councillors noted that the report suggested a warning sign for the beck but the parish council's insurance company has advised against that because the parish council is not liable for the beck.

12. **Resolved:** to adopt the following policies and procedures for the coming year:

12.1. Data Protection Policy – APPENDIX 2

12.2. Data Register – APPENDIX 3

12.3. Privacy Notices – APPENDIX 4

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

13.1. The decisions for the following applications were noted:

Application No.	Location	Scheme	Decision
20/0298	Faugh Head Pool	Change of use of redundant swimming pool to a dwelling and change of use of adjoining land to garden with associated operations including the reconfiguration of the fenestration, formation of an access track, the erection of a garage to be used as a plant room and the erection of a shed.	Granted
20/0373	Land West of Bridge End Cottage, Croglin	Outline application for the erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved	Granted
20/0405	Larch Croft, Ainstable	Extension and alterations	Granted
20/0469	2 Barugh Cottages, Ainstable	First floor extension to rear of dwelling	Granted

13.2. Councillors have already discussed and submitted a response for the following applications:

Application No.	Location	Scheme
20/0592	BROOKSIDE FARM CROGLIN	Rear extension and alterations to porch
20/0459	Armathwaite Place	Retrospective installation of biomass wood pellet boiler to replace old oil boiler.

13.3. Any other planning matters

13.3.1. Planning application 16/0760 Peak Power Generator, Ruckcroft

Electricity North West could not provide any usage data regarding the generator. It was noted that many of the planning conditions imposed on this application were subsequently removed under application 18/0961. However, part of the Design and Access Statement says that the site will be screened by hedges, and these have been taken down. Fuel storage tanks have been placed on the site which are not in the application. They're not bunded and it was felt that if they leak this could cause serious pollution. There is a condition that if the generator has not been run for six months it should be removed.

**Action:** the Clerk to write to Oliver Shimell at EDC to ask for usage data and, if it has not been run for six months, for the generator to be removed as per the planning conditions.

14. The Clerk reported that the parish council website now complies with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard.

15. The Correspondence register had already been circulated.

16. Several items were suggested for the next meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Robinson to speak to Eden Tourism about the lack of coverage of the lower Eden area in its publications.

17. Date of the next ordinary meeting will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm via MS Teams.

The meeting closed at 21:07.