

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 at Croglin Village Hall at 8:00pm on Tuesday 24th May 2022.

PRESENT: Cllr Bellis (Chairman) Cllr Vear, Cllr G Proud, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Jackson, Cllr H Proud, Cllr Bradshaw, Cllr Sproat

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

1. A member of the public spoke to express concerns he has about a proposed camping barn development at the old pump house at The Dale Bridge. Parking of visitors' cars was of particular concern to him as there is insufficient room for on-site parking and the main highway is totally unsuitable for parking due to its narrow width and hazardous bends. Councillors also expressed concerns about foul waste disposal. The development site is very close to Croglin Water and is prone to flooding so there is a real danger of foul waste from any type of treatment system entering the river. It was agreed that we would respond accordingly to the developer when replying to his letter. That letter is to be considered at item 14 when a vote can be taken.

Minutes

2. No declarations of interest were made.
3. **RESOLVED:** to accept apologies for absence and the reasons given from Cllr Smith and Cllr Little. Apologies were also received from County Cllr Driver.
4. **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 as a true record.
5. **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2022 as a true record.
6. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2022 were not yet available so this item was deferred to the next meeting.
7. A statement regarding attendance was received from the Chairman and was vigorously discussed. It was a general agreement of all that it would be good policy to keep our Ordinary/Annual meetings scheduled to the third Tuesday of the month as per Standing Orders. This would allow Councillors to better plan their schedules in order to attend.
8. County Councillor Driver was not present.
9. Cllr Robinson reported that EDC are working flat out on several projects to facilitate the change over to the new Unitary Authority. She explained the intended order of change over and some of the complex financial processes involved.
10. To receive updates on current projects and issues:
 - a. The new signs for Croglin village and Armathwaite Chapel triangle are ready for installation. Once done this completes our signpost project. The Jubilee plaques are now

cast and those ordered by the Parish Council will be received for painting by Cllr Vear. Cllr Vear hopes to complete them and have them ready for installation on the sign posts in approx. one month's time

11. Details of celebrations to be held within the parish over the Jubilee bank holiday were mentioned, including a street party in Ainstable village on Thursday 2nd June, an informal gathering in Croglin on the Saturday or Sunday and a hog roast at the Fox and Pheasant Inn at Armathwaite on the Friday. A request for a commemorative tree and or bench seat has been received by the Parish Council from Ainstable Institute Hall committee. This was brought up and discussed at item 5 of the Millennium Green Trust AGM earlier in the evening.

RESOLVED: to provide a suitable Oak tree and that it be sited within the Millennium Green in the centre of the upper area of grass. It was also discussed and resolved to provide a bench seat together with a Jubilee plaque as requested. This will be sited outside the Institute Hall.

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

a. A bank reconciliation for Q4 2021-22 was received.

b. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the NALC payscale for 2021-22

c. **RESOLVED:** to set the rent of the parish land at Ruckcroft to £40 for the forthcoming year.

13. Concerns were raised about having meetings without having a Proper Officer in attendance and who could deal with the ensuing work whilst our clerk is on sick leave. It was a general agreement that we should not be allowing work to pile up for our clerk to return to nor should we be relying on her good will to continue doing some work whilst signed off. Cllr Robinson and Cllr Bellis said they would look into options available by contacting CALC and other local clerks who may be able to help out.

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

a. Land adjacent to Hillside 21/0784 - still not determined because drainage design and soakaway siting has not yet been approved.

b. A request has been received from the owner of the old pump house at The Dale bridge, asking the parish council to comment on his proposal to convert the building into a camping barn. This had already been discussed under item 1 of this agenda.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to reply to the owner with advice that the Parish Council are not in favour of such a development on this site.

15. To consider correspondence received.

a. Concerns have been raised about circulation of correspondence received from members of the public. It is felt this should be circulated to every Parish Councillor on receipt. Cllr Bellis will have a chat with the Clerk about future policy on this.

16. Holm Holt project. Jubilee Oak Tree procurement. Temporary clerk.

17. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 19th July 2022.