

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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Minutes of the ordinary bi-monthly Meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council
held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

PRESENT: Cllr Bellis (Chairman), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Vear Cllr Wise, Cllr Sproat, Cllr Smith, Cllr Little
(arrived 19.40),

IN ATTENDANCE: N Phillips (Locum Clerk) County Cllr Driver, 3 Members of Public

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

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2. Declarations of interests. Cllrs Sproat, Bellis and Vear declared interests in grant applications.
3. Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr H Proud, Cllr G Proud and Cllr Jackson
4. Authorised the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2022.
5. Resolved to co-opt Lee Paton as councillor for Ainstable Ward.
6. Received the following report from County Cllr Driver: Funding is available for Warm Hubs in parishes if groups are running them. Croglin -40 mph limit has been agreed. Patching has taken place on some roads and some complete resurfacing work has taken place. Huge pressure on care sector with rural areas bearing the brunt. Increased costs for CLA (children Looked after). Cllr Bellis asked if there was any information regarding NHS trial where the NHS is paying energy costs to keep people at home rather than them getting sick due to lack of heating. Cllr Bellis raised concerns regarding Cumbria County web hub information portal and having to re-log issues closed prematurely.
7. Received the following from District Cllr Robinson: EDC working flat out to create a legacy and any pilot schemes to go into the new authority. Funding for Westmoreland and Furness not yet known as Central Government funding not known, also final balances of existing councils unknown. Likely that Council Tax will increase. Many officers doing two jobs one for the shadow authority and one for the existing authority. Eden District Community fund still open for bids for up to £10,000 as well as Invest in Eden. Voreda House – identification of issues including asbestos and problems with structures, the building will be finished this year and so it will remain as a local government hub in Penrith.
8. Planning
 - a. Noted the decisions in the following applications:

Application No.	Address	Outcome
22/0462	Old Carriage Barn, Ainstable	Granted

22/0666	4 Ghyll Croft, Ainstable	Granted
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b. Resolved to respond to the following applications as noted:

Application No.	Address	Proposed development
22/0334	Land Adjacent To Hillside, Armathwaite, Carlisle	Discharge of conditions 6 (tree and hedgerow protection) and 8 (foul and surface water drainage), attached to appeal approval APP/H0928/W/19/3239768 LPA ref 19/0219
Email officer to state that Cllr Robinson has asked that the full information is submitted to the Parish Council to enable them to make a decision on the planning application and to ask if the application will be dealt with under delegated powers or to go to committee.		
22/0333	Land Adjacent To Hillside, Armathwaite, Carlisle	Variation of condition 4 (plans compliance) to revise the site location plan, attached to appeal approval APP/H0928/W/19/3239768 LPA ref 19/0219
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21/0874	Land Adjacent To Hillside, Armathwaite, Carlisle	Reserved Matters application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and detached garage following outline planning permission 19/0219 (Matters for approval: access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)
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c. noted the following application made under Permitted Development:

Application No.	Address	Proposed development
22/0822	Streethouse, Ainstable, CA4 9RN	Prior Notification to roof over an existing silage clamp.

d. Any other planning matters- none.

9. Received updates on current projects and issues:

- a. Jubilee finials – Cllr Vear has two left to paint, the first six have been handed to David Gosling to install as time and weather permit and at least one has already been installed. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Vear for his work on this project.
- b. Jubilee bench – awaiting the Church Institute to lay concrete base.
- c. Log Bench at North of Ainstable to Street House – Old bench has been removed. Eric Bell to install new bench.
- d. New bench at Millennium Green – Eric Bell has agreed to install.
- e. Jubilee Tree - the tree has been planted on the Green. The Jubilee Committee are happy for the parish council to make a decision regarding a plaque.

- f. Solar Lighting - Cllr Wise & the Clerk met with another sales rep. A quote has now been received and permission is being sought from Highways.
 - g. Holme Holt – Cllrs Bellis & Vear – Meeting with Eden to discuss project, bid put forward to the next financial year as they believe that the project cannot be completed by March. Cllr Wise & Paton to join the working group. Cumbria County Council have delayed putting Double Yellow lines on bridge until the car park is created.
 - h. Croglin Noticeboard – After two residents expressed the opinion that the board should remain in its present location, Cllr Little has again sought opinions from the wider community, who largely support moving the board to the edge of the churchyard. The Clerk has now applied to the diocese for a Faculty (permission) to move the board to the agreed position.
 - i. Cloud IT solutions – Cllrs Bellis and Sproat, and the Clerk, have held a meeting with the supplier. The target start date is 1st December.
10. Defibrillators in the parish
- a. Resolved that an alternative site be sought for the defibrillator purchased for Longdales.
11. Request to plant fruit trees on triangle at Ghyll Croft – resolved that the Parish Council cannot offer to pay for trees on land it does not own but that it could offer to plant fruit trees on the Millennium Green.
12. EDC Settlement Study – Resolved to request that The Dale, Longdales and Bascodyke be added to the suggested settlements.
13. Croglin Quarry – Resolved that the Parish Council should apply to register the land but only after a survey has been conducted to identify any potential issues and liabilities. Cllrs Little & Paton to get quote for professional survey.
14. Memorial tree for the late Cllr Richard Bradshaw, resolved to plant a tree at Holme Holt.
15. Ainstable Millennium Green Trust
- a. received the report of the annual inspection of the playground equipment and resolved to accept the low level risks contained in the report. Appointed Cllr Sproat and Wise to look at the green and bring back proposals.
16. Parish council response to the Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review – resolved not to make a parish comment.
17. Banking and finance (RFO):
- a. Resolved to appoint Cllr Paton to review the quarterly bank reconciliations.
 - b. Fellrunner Bus grant application – resolved to write to Fellrunner with concerns over the service and offer to pay a grant of £250 if they were to improve the service.
 - c. Budget for the financial year 2023-24:
 - i. grant applications received for the next financial year – Resolved to award the following grants: Eden Valley Flix £320 , Ainstable PCC churchyard maintenance £875.
 - ii. discussed other budget items and plans for the year and allocated
 - Councillors to contact the clerk with any items to add
 - Great North Air Ambulance
 - Noticeboard at Newbiggin, Ruckcroft and Ainstable

- d. Options for a plaque for the Jubilee Tree
 - i. agreed a maximum sum to be spent (£100) .
 - ii. agreed that the plaque should mark both the jubilee and the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II
- e. Agreed expenditure – as per APPENDIX 4
- f. Noted receipts – as per APPENDIX 5

18. Resolved to adopt the following policies & procedures for the forthcoming year:

- a. Equal Opportunities
- b. Complaints Procedure

The Chairman proposed a motion to exclude the press and public in accordance with Standing Order 10 a (xi) for reasons of commercial sensitivity and while the next items (highlighted in pink) are discussed.

- 19. Considered the quote for a government spec laptop for the Clerk, and agreed to purchase as per quote.
- 20. Considered the quote for remedial work to the equipment on the Green – not to carry out the low-risk work and keep records of the monthly checks which Cllr Sproat/Wise will carry out and send to the Clerk.
- 21. Points to be raised at the next meeting.
Ainstable Bus Shelter
- 22. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 17th January 2023.