

# 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: Howard Bellis,**  
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Minutes of the ordinary bi-monthly Meeting of  
**Ainstable Parish Council**  
held at Croglin Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: N Phillips (Locum Clerk) 4 members of the public

1. Open Meeting

Two members of the public spoke about the Broomrigg plantation and 2 to speak during the meeting regarding The Helm Project.

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2. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II

3. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of Cllr Richard Bradshaw

4. Declarations of interests. No new declarations made. Cllr Robinson declined to take part in discussion on Agenda item 13c and 19 due to conflict of interest.

5. Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr G Proud (Hospital), Cllr H Proud (Visiting husband in hospital)

6. Authorised the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

7. To receive a verbal report from County Councillor Driver. (Not present)

8. Received a verbal report from District Councillor Robinson.

Expressions of interest for shared prosperity fund being worked on, which replaces some of the EU funding.

Planning is being held up due to Nutrient Neutrality issues created by central government.

9. Received updates on current projects and issues:

a. Jubilee finials

The finials are in the process of being painted an example of which was presented to the meeting.

b. Jubilee bench

Permission granted by Highways to have the bench at the Village Hall Committee's desired location. Village Hall Committee to install concrete base. Ainstable Parish Council to provide bench, which has already been purchased.

c. Log Bench at top of hill between Ainstable and Streethouse.

Chairman has approached local farmer to remove old log. New bench has been purchased. Chairman to organise installation.

- d. Jubilee Tree – Tree to be purchased and planted. Councillors were asked to think about whether an additional tree should be planted for Cllr R Bradshaw and the wording for the Plaque.

10. Received an update regarding public access to Broomrigg Plantation and consider next steps.

Resolved, unanimously, to take no further action as central government has stated that there was no public access and therefore not something that the Parish Council can challenge.

11. Highways

- a. Received, for information, the following as next steps for speed and traffic management at Newbiggin, there will be a speed survey next financial year before any decisions can be made.
- b. Received, for information, the following as next steps for speed and traffic management at Croglin. There has been an agreement that there will be a stepped speed limit, 40 mph followed by a 30mph zone at both ends of the village. This will be carried out this financial year.

12. Received an update on solar lighting and considered locations for the lights – Resolved to pay for the installation of an electric light at the Ruckcoft shelter. Ainstable – permission needed from Highways. Resolved to ask contractor(s) for firm quotes and that the Parish Council will spend up to £10,000 on solar lighting in as many of the locations mentioned as per the plan presented to the meeting and ask the clerk to order once the quote is received.

13. Discussed matters relating to banking and finance (RFO):

- a. Received a bank reconciliation for Q1.
- c. Received a presentation on The Helm project and resolved to  
-provide a letter of support and  
-agreed to pay the grant of up to £1000 to the project.

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

- a. Data Protection Policy
- b. Data register
- c. Privacy notices

15. Considered planning applications made and other planning matters. (Chairman)

- a. Noted that no decisions had been forthcoming:
- b. Resolved to respond as detailed to the following applications.

Application No.	Address	Proposed development	Outcome
22/0474	Land NE of Nutwood Cottage, Heads Nook, Brampton	Reserved Matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to outline approval 19/0227	Support and also copy in Carlisle City Council.

22/0666	4 Ghyll Croft, Ainstable, Carlisle	Erection of detached garage and summer house building in rear garden, part retrospective.	The Parish Council have received complaints from residents however, do not feel in the position to make a comment regarding the legitimacy of the application and feel that it is best dealt with by planning officers.
22/0678	Pump House, Ainstable. Carlisle	Change use of former water company pumping station to camping barn/bothy accommodation. Replace existing metal shed with concrete block space for a compost toilet, addition of block built tool store and open sided covered store for firewood and improve existing parking area	Object to the application for the following reasons, putting a toilet in to an area at risk of flooding and the parking area may reduce drainage/increase run off. The whole site is at risk of flooding.

- c. Noted that the following applications were granted approval 22/0124, 22/0125, 22/0664 and 22/0628.

16. To consider any correspondence received. – none received.

17. Resolved to approve the spend for the new noticeboard in Croglin with the caveat that the final location is confirmed before ordering.

18. Cloud IT solutions for the parish council – Cllr Sproat presented a report to the council

- a. Considered the service level options and resolved to choose option 3 for two people (7 in favour , 1 objection)
- b. Resolved to select Hertscom (7 in favour, 1 objection)

19. Holme Holt

- a. Received an update from the Holme Holt working group:  
Clarity has been provided to Eden District Council bid for funding for the whole project at £95000 with a 10% contingency. The next step is to work with a planning consultant so that the project can be progressed to a planning application as this is required to secure the funding for the project. The project will need to be staged, phase 1 is car park, phase 2 is river egress.
- b. Resolved to increase the budget from £2000 to £3800 from reserves and to progress the project to planning stage.
- c. Resolved to appoint Harraby Green Associates as planning consultants for the project
- d. Resolved to spend £300 on planning application.
- e. Resolved to ring fence £1,000 towards a tree survey.

20. Received a report on the Clerk's annual appraisal and resolved to support an increase on the incremental scale on the anniversary of her employment.

21. Points to be raised at the next meeting.

Clerks' Laptop

Update on IT project

Croglin Quarry ownership

Additional Memorial Tree for Cllr Bradshaw

Wording for Plaques

22. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

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## Trustees Meeting of Ainstable Village Green Trust

1. Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr G Proud (Hospital), Cllr H Proud (Visiting husband in hospital)
2. Dry Stone Walls
  - a. Received a report on ownership of boundary walls. Currently the ownership is unknown. Land Registry will determine ownership for £1000.
  - b. Resolved not to apply for a boundary determination at this stage but to ask residents if they know who owns the wall and seek local agreement before spending money on a determination.
  - c. Resolved that it was therefore not necessary to delegate the power to spend up to £1000 for determination at this stage.
3. Resolved to bring findings of discussions to next meeting.

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