

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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The ordinary bi-monthly Meeting of
Ainstable Parish Council

held at Ainstable Church Institute at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

Present: Cllr Bellis (Chair); Cllr H Proud; Cllr Jackson; Cllr Smith; Cllr Sproat; Cllr Robinson; Cllr Paton
In attendance: K Lawson (Clerk); 5 members of the public

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

None

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2. Declarations of interests. - none

Receive any declarations of interest of any disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting. Members are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when an item or issue is considered.

3. **RESOLVED:** To accept apologies for absence and the reasons given from the following members:
Cllr G Proud, Cllr Little, Cllr Vear, Cllr Wise

4. **RESOLVED:** To authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

5. To receive a verbal report from County Councillor Driver – not present

6. District Councillor Robinson reported on progress with the new unitary authority; a consultation on the budget has been circulated; she has attended a briefing on locality boards; there will be a role for in Penrith for Voreda House. Cllr Robinson commented that the entire cost of the local reorganisation has fallen on the tax payers of Cumbria, no money has been provided by central government. County Cllr Driver is stepping down at the end of January.

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

a. There were no planning decision to note.

b. To consider the parish council's response to the following applications:

Application No.	Address	Proposed development
21/0874	Land adjacent to Hillside, Ruckcroft	Reserved Matters application for the erection of 1no dwelling and detached garage following outline planning permission 19/0219 (Matters for approval: access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)
22/0333	Land adjacent to Hillside, Ruckcroft	Variation of condition 4 (plans compliance) to revise the site location plan, attached to appeal approval
22/0334	Land adjacent to Hillside, Ruckcroft	Discharge of conditions 6 (tree and hedgerow protection) and 8 (foul and surface water drainage), attached to appeal approval

There was some discussion about ongoing concerns regarding drainage and surface water runoff from the site. Councillors expressed the view that they had been reconsulted on this application a number of times and had nothing new to add to the points already made.

RESOLVED: to write to Eden planning to say that the parish council has expressed the concerns of residents, but does not have professional expertise in the field of drainage etc. The parish council wants EDC to follow planning process & make a decision.

ACTION: the Clerk to draft a letter and cc Fergus McMorrow on the final response.

4 members of the public left the meeting.

c. There were no other planning matters arising.

8. The council received updates on current projects and issues:

a. Jubilee finials – These have now been installed.

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 Clerk has ordered a plaque.

f. Solar Lighting – awaiting feedback from Highways.

g. Holme Holt – Cllr Bellis reported on a very positive with the EDC project manager. In their planning response, Cumbria Highways had asked for more detail around the gateway; Harraby Green to provide the information required.

h. Croglin Noticeboard – Craig Bainbridge to install the board. **ACTION:** Cllr Jackson to canvass residents on the colour of lettering before the order is placed, and meet Craig on site to confirm the location of the board.

i. Cloud IT solutions – the Clerk's new laptop has been received & setup is in progress.

j. Defibrillator for Longdales – Cllr Robinson has contacted the resident at Common House & is awaiting a reply. Cllr Bellis has talked to a resident in Longdales about an alternative location for a defibrillator there.

k. Croglin Quarry – Cllr Paton has a quote, which he will forward to the Clerk.

9. To discuss plans for the coronation of King Charles III – in recognition of King Charles' plans for a low key coronation, the parish council has no specific plans of its own.

10. To discuss Ainstable Bus Shelter

RESOLVED – to defer this item until March, as Cllr Wise had asked for it to go on the agenda and she was absent.

11. To receive an update on broadband in the parish – Cllr Bellis reported that £106m has been awarded for Gigabit connections. Schemes are being developed for Ruckcroft and Longdales; these are separate schemes because the areas are connected to different exchanges.

12. **RESOLVED:** To note the annual tree survey and its recommendations.

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

a. **RESOLVED:** to award a grant of £275 to Fellrunner Village Bus

b. **RESOLVED:** that the rent on the parish land at Ruckcroft is not raised for the next year and is reviewed every 5 years.

- c. A budget report for Q1-Q3 FYE 31/03/2023 was received.
- d. **RESOLVED:** to raise the precept by 5% and to accept the proposed budget for FYE 31st March 2024.
- e. **RESOLVED:** To agree expenditure
- f. **RESOLVED:** To note receipts

14. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the following policies & procedures for the forthcoming year:

- a. Disciplinary & Grievance Policy
- b. Grants Policy

15. Points to be raised at the next meeting – forward to the Clerk.

16. Date of the next ordinary meeting – Tues 21st March 2023.

Meeting closed 21:17

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