

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on July 20th 2009 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:**
Present: 5 members of the public and 8 councillors plus ABC councillor J. Milburn.
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on May 18th as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda: None**
- 4) **The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
 - a) There was a blocked drain by the Flaggs. This may have been caused when the new water main was laid. This would be investigated.
 - b) There was concern about effluent coming from the septic tank at La'al Moota. H. Brough to check on this.
 - c) Concern was expressed at the lack of a police attendance at the meeting and of regular reports.
 - d) Concern was expressed about a possible reclassification of roads which may lead to some roads being downgraded.
 - e) The road by Park Wood was still in need of work. There were problems with the ditches there not being cleaned by the landowner.

5) Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) Police Matters: Not present. To be asked to the next meeting.
- b) Seating area at the top of the hill: The slats for the seat will be added shortly.
- c) Low Farm Updates: Nothing was happening on the site. It was noted that in February Mr. Pattinson had promised to keep the Clerk updated if work was to stop for any reason. The NPA was to be contacted.
- d) Highway Stewards: Matters for: None
- e) Drainage on the Village Green: J. Thompson reported that machinery was available; free of charge, to slit cut the village green to improve drainage. It was confirmed that this would not interfere with the existing drainage system. It was resolved that this work would be done. There was a discussion as to whether the sump under the pound should be emptied. J. Thompson believed material from the sump was responsible for blocking the outflow pipe. As differing views were expressed as to the likely expense, it was resolved simply to clear the pipe for the time being and keep the situation under review.
- f) Village signs on the ghyll road and in Sunderland: J. Thompson was applying for funding. It was reported that the people of Sunderland did not want name signs. JT
- g) Britain in Bloom: Judging on July 13th. The beck area had not been cleared. Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped make the village look so good. MS
- h) State of the parish notice boards. Three of the boards were in a poor state. H. Brough offered to attend to them. It was agreed to look for funding to replace the boards over the next few years. It was noted that statutory notices have precedence on the boards. Anyone placing notices on the boards is asked to remove them after the event.
- j) State of the back laning: This was being inspected by Cumbria Highways.
- i) Response to P. Jackson: a letter had been sent to Mr. Jackson and a copy was circulated to members.

6) Correspondence

A list of correspondence received by the clerk since the last meeting was available for viewing.

7) Radio Active Waste Disposal Consultation:

A copy of the CALC document had been circulated. Members felt that while Allerdale and Copeland BCs had expressed an interest, that we would adopt the CALC policy and await developments.

8) Local Councils Cluster Meeting: Report. David Roberts reported on a rather long meeting that had concluded that “clustering” was not really of any advantage.

9) Planning Matters

- a) The clerk’s response to the application for Ghyll Yeat (extension) was approved.
- b) LDNPA, Extension at Thorneycroft approved.

10) Financial Matters

- a) It was proposed to move our accounts from the HSBC to the Cumberland Building Society.
- b) It was formally agreed to open a bank account in the Council’s name with the Cumberland BS and to transfer all remaining monies from the HSBC to that account and thus close both the accounts at the HSBC
Prop: D. Roberts, Sec. H. Brough. Approved. The same signatories would continue.
- c) Our accounts for the current year up to Jun 30th were approved

11) Future agenda items for the meeting on September 21st

The “Beware Children” sign needs repairs etc.
The state of the hedge between Redmain and the A595
Fencing around the pound area.
BT re wind farms – to attend.

Dates of meetings in 2009

September 21st November 16th

The meeting concluded at 20.55

Signed _____ Date: _____