

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the July Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on July 20th 2015 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** T. Annison (ABC), S. Buckwell (PC), A. Prickett (Chair), Police
- 2) **The Vice Chair (Ros Berry) was authorised to sign the Minutes of the May 2015 meeting as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members 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.** None.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **Communications:** Councillors emails will be added to the website and newsletter.. Parishioners will be asked what projects the Council could do in the village.
 - b) **Police Matters:** The usual report was received.
 - c) **Better Highways:** We are awaiting the completion of the patching work. We would request a “Unsuitable for HGVs” notice for the back laning.
 - d) **Footpath Group** Work on the path to Sunderland had been completed by the NPA. Anew sign would be requested in Sunderland and more way marking of the path. RB
 - e) **Broadband:** No work has been done recently. The current money has to be spent by September. We should look at alternatives system for Sunderland and other areas.
AP
 - f) **Dead tree on the green – replacement £25** (payment was agreed). Planted by A .Prickett assisted by A. Mossop and D. Clarke . There may be another tree in need of replacement.
 - g) **Representative on the Wind Farm Charity Funding Panel.** The Clerk was to email all councillors.
 - h) **Recycling point at Linskeldfield:** There was no paper box and there had been no publicity for the new system. The Clerk was asked to contact ABC. GF
 - i) **Parish Council vacancies (2)** We had had one reply and it was agreed to co-opt Josh Bamber. That leaves one outstanding vacancy.
 - j) **Revised standing orders:** The updated version was agreed by the meeting.
 - k) **Parking issues:** This has been resolved.
 - l) **Dog fouling:** There had been a complaint about dog fouling in Blindcrake. This would be highlighted in the next newsletter.
 - m) **UU Pipe Line:** Ongoing consultation over the route. It was felt there was a lack of information. It would seem likely that UU will be putting money into local communities.
- 6) **Correspondence:**

Various items circulated. CALC Circular and ACT Newsletter
- 12) **Planning:**
 - a) **Bank Head, Isel** No objection
 - b) **United Utilities, Access** Ongoing
 - c) **Castle Guards Farm** Concern that it was retrospective.
- 13) **Financial Matters:**
 - a) **Financial up date:** The Clerk noted that as we had not had an election we had surplus funds and no immediate projects. It was agreed to ask the parishioners for ideas.

- b) Approval of the external auditors report: Proposed: Ros Berry Seconded: Terry Johnstone, Agreed Unanimously
- c) Approval of our financial regulations: Proposed: Alan Purvis Seconded: James Gate Agreed Unanimously
- d) Agreement that we do not need fidelity insurance: Proposed: Seconded: Ros Berry Agreed Unanimously
- e) CALC re New Councillors course (payment) £44.25 Proposed: Terry Johnstone; Seconded: Alan Purvis Agreed Unanimously

10) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

We need a third signatory for the cheque book. Joe Marrs agreed to do this.

Dates of meetings in 2015:

September 21st

November 16th