

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on March 23rd 2015 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** A. Prickett, J. Shaw, D. Roberts
With the Chair and Vice Chair being absent R. Berry took the Chair.
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the January 2015 Parish Council 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) **Presentation by Melissa Reynard of United Utilities:** There were two reasons for the new pipeline, an expected shortage of water in west Cumbria and the need to limit out take from Ennerdale water to preserve the Freshwater Mussels. The water from Thirlmere would come by a circuitous route to a storage point at the Bridekirk junction. There were over 500 landowners on the whole project and a corridor of 50 to 100 metres would be needed. Plans would be submitted in January 2016 with work hopefully starting on June 2017 and the pipes being laid from March 2017 to 2022.
- 5) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
None
- 6) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - A) Police Matters: Apologies from our local officer. Local crime related to the theft of quads and tools from sheds. The reporting number is 101.
 - b) Better Highways: The resurfacing work would be done in the next week, before the financial year end.
 - c) Footpath Group: AGM on April 7th. The local Ranger would be attending. RB
 - d) Broadband (New poles erected) Work was proceeding in Blindcrake. AP
 - e) Lighting issues; a new lamp post had been put up by the green. AP
 - f) Village green: Alan Mossop had raised and increased in size the cabinet and manhole cover. AP
 - g) Dead tree on the green – replacement in hand. GF
- 7) **Correspondence:**
Various items circulated.
- 8) Planning: a) Cottage, Sunderland
b) Tree felling at Clints Cottage
- 8) **Financial Matters:**
 - a) The Current Financial report was accepted
 - b) Grass cutting tender for 2015-17 It was agreed to award this to Stuart Mawson. . Agreed Unanimously
 - c) Payment for printing 2014-2015. £204.36. Agreed Unanimously
 - d) Payment of postage and travel (Clerk) 2014-2015. £37.90 . Agreed Unanimously
 - e) Payment for rent for the village hall meetings. £84.00. Agreed Unanimously.
 - f) Payment for work on the green: A Mossop £275. . Agreed Unanimously
- 10) **Future agenda items and date of next meeting**
Election of Parish Councillors
Revised Standing Orders. David Roberts was reviewing the new Orders.
- 11) David Roberts had indicated that he would not be standing for election again due to pressure of work after many years as a councillor and chairman. It was agreed to write to him thanking him for his efforts.

Dates of meetings in 2015:

May 18th (AGM)
September 21st

July 20th
November 16th