

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 on May 19th 2014 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** M. Livingstone, A Desmond
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** David Roberts delivered his annual report. The report is available on the website and in the Parish newsletter.
- 3) **Matters for Discussion: None**

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- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** M. Livingstone, A Desmond
- 2) **Election of Chairperson:** David Roberts was elected; Proposed J. Shaw, Seconded H. Brough
- 3) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** Hilton Brough was elected: Proposed D. Roberts, Seconded A. Prickett
- 4) **Election of internal Auditor:** John Thompson was elected; Proposed D. Roberts, Seconded J. Shaw
- 5) **The Chair and Vice Chair signed their acceptance of office for 2014-2015**
- 6) **Minutes of the March 2014 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
- 7) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 8) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
- 9) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **Police Matters:** Apologies from the local officer. No recent crimes but the usual reminders about sneak thefts during the summer when doors and windows are left open.
 - b) **Low Farm Updates** (Meeting 21st of May): Hills agreed to tidy the front of the site prior to the Garden Safari.
 - c) **Better Highways:** Very little from our list of repairs had been done. A reminder will be sent.
 - d) **Footpath Group:** The booklet of walks had been published and was on sale. It was hoped that work on some of the local paths would start in the autumn RB
 - e) **Broadband:** Despite a local meeting there was no news of any schedule for Broadband to be installed. JS/AP
 - f) **Public transport issues:** There was a possibility that some scheduled services will come via the village subject to some trees being trimmed back AP
 - g) **Flooding issues at the east end of Blindcrake.** Some work had taken place. The LDNPA would divert the water from the footpath to the Clints, to stop the water coming on the road. The blockage at High Farm had yet to be cleared.
 - h) **Lighting issues (ENW):** There is still a light missing on the green. If we can find a new light fitting it can be replaced. Allerdale BC to be contacted. JS
 - i) **Dog compound/barking in Blindcrake:** The dogs have been fitted with anti barking collars but there was still a noise issue. AS
 - j) **Village green:** This became waterlogged recently, it would seem some of the pipes are blocked. Investigations and work will take place. There was gravel in the man hole at the outlet and the pipe would need to be rodded to allow the water to get away. The manhole would then be raised in height. It would be

helpful if toys are removed from the green when the children go home as this disrupts grass cutting. The pound play area needs weeding and tidying, this was the responsibility of the children's committee.

The garden area next to the pound needed tidying and it was agreed to ask Alan Mossop to attend to it.

HB

- k) **Donation to the hanging baskets** on the village hall: It was resolved to make a donation of £40. The representatives for the village hall committee were to be D. Roberts & H. Brough. HB
- l) **Tipping to the rear of Thresher Barn**: There had been complaints about the unsightly nature of this area. It was agreed to contact the owners.
- m) **Village information** notice for all notice boards: The Clerk had produced a standard notice containing all the local information to replace the many individual notices which quickly became unsightly. GF

10) Correspondence:

Various items circulated.

The details of the candidates for a representative of the parishes in the NPA were circulated and a vote taken. The clerk then forwarded the results to the NPA

11) Financial Matters:

- a) Financial report and accounts for 2013-2014 Approved: Proposed D. Roberts, Seconded: H. Brough
- b) Renewal of annual insurance. £365.71 Approved: Proposed D. Roberts, Seconded: H. Brough

12) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

J. Shaw tendered her apologies.

Dates of meetings in 2014:

July 21st

September 22nd

November 17th

Signed _____ Date: _____