

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held on September 12th 2011 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** David Roberts
The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair Hilton Brough.
- 2) **Minutes: The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 18th as a true record of that meeting.** It was noted under item 6k that it was agreed to attend a meeting regarding locality working.
- 3) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 4) **Adjournment of meeting: The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
 - a) Presentation by Tracey Martin, Allerdale BC's Street Scene Officer.
Ms. Martin introduced herself and described her role in terms of recycling, refuse, ABC works, street cleaning and fly tipping.
Fly tipping can be reported by ringing Ms. Martin on 01900 702962
There were queries as to which roads were on the "sweeping" list from ABC. Ms. Martin agreed to find out.
It was reported that at peak times the bottle banks was over flowing.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) Police Matters: (it is hoped an officer will attend to hear any matters of concern)
No report had been received the Clerk would chase this up.
 - b) Low Farm Updates: Very little work during the summer. The LDNPA had agreed that the council could send a representative to any meetings with Chris Hill. It was agreed that Mike Dawson would attend.
 - c) Highway Stewards: Matters for: Flooding in Sunderland – this had been reported to the Highway Steward. There was a great deal of water flowing from Retreat Farm onto the road. It was agreed to ask the CCC Highways to write to the owner.
The grit box list was to be sent to CCC Councillor E. Nicholson so that they can be installed before the winter.
 - d) Drainage on the village green. Construction of an inspection pit on the green. This had been done and the dead tree would be removed when the hole was back filled.
 - e) Pound project: Now completed at a cost of £550 and the bark had been donated by Paul Jackson. The Children's Committee thanked the council. It was suggested that the fence should have a sheet of marine ply on one side. The Clerk was asked to check to see if we needed any extra insurance for the area.
 - f) Village green (conservation kerbing). Still pending due to the weather. JT
 - g) Local transport provision: Taxi service – The Clerk had got quotes for a round trip on a morning. 10 until 1). This would be £20 for an 8 seater; thus £2.50 each for 8 people; £5 each for 4 people extra. It would be up to the users to ensure a full capacity. This would be put in the next magazine.
 - h) Footpath group: Ros had been in contact with the CCC and NPA. There was a footpath survey in progress by the CCC. Ireby had a very successful footpath working group. A meeting would be called for all those interested. It was suggested that a footpath to the new hotel via the quarry would be a good idea.

- i) Possible notice board at Isel Old Park: This would cost around £200 in total. It was agreed to go ahead and the Sunderland councillors to agree the location. Hopefully it would have the same key as the other boards.
- j) Broadband Champions: Jill had attended the meeting. She reported in detail. There is a need for new cabling in most rural areas like ours. Overall a business plan was needed. She and John would be doing a survey in the village.
- k) Locality working: Ros has agreed to be our representative but an area meeting had yet to be arranged.

6) Correspondence:

- a) Review of Polling Stations. It was agreed that all our voters should vote in the Village Hall rather than being pushed to other places outwith the Parish.
- b) The CCC/FC timber route had check and repairs had been done near Park Wood.
- c) Fells and Dales organisation – seemed to have plenty of money for projects.

7) Planning Matters:

- a) Council's response re: Moota Garden Centre. This was retrospective and no objections were raised.
- b) Clints Quarry: it was suggested that in addition to the comments made, that a site visit should be made.

9) Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial report (hard copy circulated)
- b) Budget planning for 2012-13: Ideas for expenditure and projects should be with the Clerk by early November.
- c) Payment for work on the pound and the new inspection pit on the green. £1350 payable to Alan Mossop. Agreed.
- d) Audit Commission report. As usual the firm contracted by the AC had asked supplementary questions.

10) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

- a) Jill is looking into bulk buying of oil in the village.

Dates of meetings in 2011:

Nov 21st

Signed _____ Date: _____