

**The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council**  
**Held at 7.30 on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

1. **Apologies for absence:** H. Brough, M. Stocks.  
**Present:** 7 councillors, ABC Councillor J. Milburn, CCC Councillor E. Nicholson & 2 Parishioners.
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 22nd as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 4) **Adjournment of meeting: 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) Police Matters: P.C. Matthews hopes to continue in his role as rural liaison officer. Cuts should not affect local services. He warned that there had been instances of heating oil theft in the Cockermouth area.
  - b) Low Farm Updates: This had been raised with the LDNPA at the conservation area meeting. The council felt solving the Low Farm situation was the main priority.
  - c) Highway Stewards: Matters for: Ditches need cleaning. There were potholes to the west of Sunderland and on the Iselgate to Longclose road.
  - d) Drainage on the village green – field drains? Pending JT/RG
  - e) Broadband in the Parish: Survey Ongoing. JT
  - f) Pound working group The LDNPA had been asked if we needed planning permission for any work on the wall and also for permission to move the trees. RG
  - g) Village green (conservation kerbing). This would take place when the weather was warmer. JT
  - h) Village signs for Sunderland; these had been costed. There seemed to be some residents who wanted the signs and others who were not bothered. The local councillors were asked to undertake a survey. It was felt the Parish should be even handed in spending money in the villages so was there anything else we could do for Sunderland? JT
  - i) Large wooden building at Thorneycroft; Retrospective planning permission had been applied for. MS
  - j) Conservation survey consultation response: The main issues were: Low Farm, Past promises of help & funding which never materialised, such as undergrounding of wires, traditional phone box etc. There seemed to be no gain to the community from being a conservation village. It was felt that the use of modern materials for windows and doors should be allowed.
  - k) Drainage issues in the village; There was a major issue at the Ghyll Yeat junction with water coming off the field and not going down the drain. The Clerk would write to the CCC Highways Dept.
  - l) Grit Boxes and poor levels of gritting in the Parish: Eric Nicholson was chasing up the grit boxes. When we eventually get our supply of grit some will go to Sunderland and some into the “Jennings” field in Blindcrake.
  - m) Nomination of a member for the Parish Charity: James Gate,
- 6) **Correspondence;**
  - a) Better Highways – 2 man teams
  - b) CALC Circular
  - c) Cumbria CC, Have Your Say (Budget cuts)
  - d) Cumbria CC Local News & Views
  - e) Clerks & Councils Direct Year Book
  - f) Allerdale BC, Register of Electors

**7) Planning Matters:**

Planning Permission Granted/refused by the NPA:

Herdwick Croft, Bassenthwaite	Granted
Highside, Blindcrake	Granted
Redmain House, Redmain	Granted
Long Barn Redmain	Refused
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Thresher Barn, Blindcrake	Granted
The Retreat, Sunderland	Granted
Long Barn, Redmain	Listed Building consent refused
Richmond House, Sunderland	Withdrawn

**8) Financial Matters:**

- a) Current financial report: circulated
- b) Review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit. The council appreciated the efforts of Cynthia Dunbar in doing the annual internal audit.
- c) Review of the need for Fidelity Insurance; it was agreed that we did not need this.
- d) Tender for cutting the village green: This would be advertised on our notice boards and the Binsey Beacon. It was suggested that a three year contract would be a good idea.

**9) Future agenda items and date of next meeting**

**Dates of meetings in 2011:**

March 21<sup>st</sup>    May 16<sup>th</sup> (AGM)                      July 18<sup>th</sup>                      Sept 19<sup>th</sup>                      Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_