

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held on January 23rd in Blindcrake Village Hall

Present: 7 parish councillors, CCC & ABC Councillor E. Nicholson and 2 parishioners.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** J. Thompson
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 21st 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.**

The road had subsided opposite Greenbank in Blindcrake. The cleaning of the bus shelter would take place in the spring. The well gate was broken. There were flooding issues near The Flags and the gutter needed cleaning and also the gully. These would be reported to the Highway Steward.

5) Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) Police Matters: A written report had been received. There had been some serious thefts from remote farm buildings. Also oil from tanks and vehicles.
- b) Low Farm Updates There is some progress on the roof.
- c) Highway Stewards: Matters for: Potholes in Sunderland and Linskeldfield. There had been several lengths of road in the village full resurfaced to a good standard. There was still an issue of water flowing out of a property onto the road.
- d) Village green (conservation kerbing). It was agreed (Prop D.Roberts, Sec H. Brough) to ask Alan Mossop to undertake this work as soon as is practical. GF
- e) Footpath group: Work is planned to clear the back laning to the west to the A595. A meeting will be called shortly. RB
- f) Notice board at Isel Old Park: This had now been delivered. The CCC will be consulted as to positioning on the verge. GF
- g) Broadband Survey: This would go out with the Parish Newsletter. RB
- h) County Council Plans to close recycling centres: The Council felt this was a retrograde step. It would lead to more fly tipping in our area which would then become the responsibility of the district council. It was felt a reduction in opening hours would be a better way of saving money.
- i) Co-option of a new council member: Three people had declared an interest. D. Roberts & H. Brough were to collate the views of members before the March meeting.
- j) Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations: The village hall was having a lunch on Sunday June 3rd. It was suggested the council buy a gift (coin?) for all under 18s and possibly older folk in the village.

6) Correspondence: Matters circulated and dealt with.

7) **Planning Matters:** Linskeldfield : This had been rejected by the LDNPA

9) **Financial Matters:-**

- a) Current financial report (hard copy circulated)
- c) Grass cutting tender. It was agreed to accept the tender from Cockermouth Garden Services ((Prop H. Brough, Sec. J.G) for a 3 year contract at £50 per cut (x10 per year)
- d) Allotment for a Limestone Quarry charity. Transfer of **£ 226.38** to the charity account. All future income will go straight into the charity account.
- e) Request for financial help from the PCC re dangerous trees in the churchyard.
The Clerk reported that it was not within the remit of the Council to give money to the church. However he suggested that the trustees of the limestone quarry charity could make such a grant. This was agreed and £100 would be sent to the PCC. (Prop H. Brough, sec; R. Berry)
- f) Payment for Notice Board (Whitehill Direct)_£ 298.80 . Authorised.
- g) Payment for the External Audit (BDO) £ 144.00. Authorised

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

Dates of meetings in 2012:

March 19th May 14th