

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council **Held at 7.30 on Monday, January 21st 2013 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:**
- 2) **Minutes of the November 2012 meeting. The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the 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:** The Village Hall Committee members: D. Roberts, H. Brough, A. Desmond & R. Berry; declared an interest in 5)i.
- 4) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.** No matters were forthcoming.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a. Police Matters: We now have a new Community Support Officer.
 - b. Low Farm Updates: JS & RB reported on a meeting with the NPA & C. Hill. Some scaffolding had been taken down to help access and it was hoped work would start on rendering in February.
 - c. Highway Stewards: Matters for: white lines at A595 junctions. The Linskeldfield to Sunderland road had been regraded. Parishioners were asked to report grit bins that were empty.
Road side memorials: concern was expressed about the cycle memorial at Moota and whether permission had been given for it and what the insurance implications were.
 - d. Footpath Group: RB reported on the recent meeting. It was still an informal group but a constitution was being drafted so that grant applications could be made. The aims would be to maintain local paths and develop the network in the Parish with perhaps new routes and existing ones being linked.
 - e. Broadband: We awaited the long term plan for roll out from the Cumbria CC. A possible alternative was via way leaves.
 - f. Gate on the well compound: No news ML
 - g. Moota wind farm: No news.
 - h. Village seats need to be stained. These were now drying and would be returned in the spring.
 - i. Limestone quarry charity: Request from Village Hall committee for a grant for a new cooker. The members of the Village Hall Committee left the room. The remaining members voted a sum of £428 for the cooker and installation.
 - j. Locality meeting – Nov 29th RS & DR reported on this meeting. Draft plan had been circulated. There were doubts as to what it could achieve. The area around Cockermouth seemed too large and to have varied interests. Was there a key project to inspire the parishes? A questionnaire was to be prepared by DR. The Council was not in favour.
 - k. Tallentire wind farm meeting: We had been excluded from the grant making committee but the Parish area were eligible for grants.. £175,000 would be given in the first year and £25,000 p.a. after that.
 - l. Parish Council nomination for the Parish Charity: it was agreed to nominate Richard Nicholson.
 - m. Allerdale BC Plan: This appeared to be very vague and have nothing specific for villages or the rural areas.
- 6) **Correspondence:**
 - a) Letter from Rob Dixon: This had been acknowledged by the Clerk.
- 7) **Planning Matters:**
 - a) Swallow Barn, Blindcrake – The Clerk’s response was approved. There were no objections.
 - b) Holm Farm, Blindcrake – The Clerk’s response was approved. The Council thought the plans were good.
 - c) Poly-tunnel near Irton Cottage, Isel: The Clerk’s response was approved. There were no objections.
 - d) Linskeldfield wind turbine – notice of refusal. The applicant was to appeal.
- 13) **Financial Matters:**

It was resolved as follows:

 - a) Current financial report; £400 was set aside for the footpath group.
 - b) Payment for new keys for the notice boards of £27.00.

c) Payment for local councillors course of £24.00 was approved

d) Precept 2013-14. It was resolved to raise this to £5,500: Proposed H. Brough, Sec. A. Prickett. Agreed.

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Village Hall Committee nominations from the Council.

Dates of meetings in 2013:

18th March

15th July

13th May (AGM)

23rd September

18th November