

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on January 20th 2014 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** Police
- 2) **The Chairman to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in November 2013 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 will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

A parishioner raised the matter of flooding at the east of Blindcrake. His house had been flooded by water coming off the road. There were a variety of issues in this area. It was agreed to call a meeting with the Environment Agency and CCC Highways.

There were reports from parishioners at the west end of Blindcrake about a large number of barking dogs. This was disturbing local people.

An incident where a large articulated HGV caused considerable damage to the verges on the back lanning was reported. It was suggested that a width limit be placed on this section of road.

5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**

- a) **Police Matters:** No reported crime in the last two months.
- b) **Low Farm Updates:** The rendering had been completed and some fencing removed. The next meeting was to be in February.
- c) **Better Highways:** Report on open day at Lillyhall: The Clerk reported that under CCC there was a new system with all complaints given a log number. The Clerk was keeping a list and would chase up items each month
GF
- d) **Footpath Group:** The booklet was almost completed and while funded by the council there would be a small charge per book. The footpath group is drawing up a formal constitution so it can apply for funding. It was noted that the section of the Allerdale Amble on the A595 was dangerous but it seems that ABC are withdrawing support for this route. RB
- e) **Broadband:** We had made a declaration of Interest. 60% of the Parish should get super fast BB and 40% will get a basic BB. JS
- f) **Tallentire wind farm funding panel:** Annamarie Storey is our rep on this and had attended a training evening. Funding can be for projects between £500 and £10,000 but then have to be approved by the West Cumbrian Funding Panel. The next meeting is in March. ADS
- e) **Heating oil bulk buying:** Excellent price for the last group buying of 52.5p per litre. More people joining. There is a similar project for electricity; leaflets are being distributed. JS
- f) **Public transport issues:** There has been correspondence between Andy Prickett and Stage Coach. It was agreed to write again. AP
- g) **Flooding issues at the east end of Blindcrake:** It was agreed to call a meeting of stake holders.
- h) **Lighting issues (ENW):** It would seem that ABC does not want to take responsibility. It seems that via Rory Stewart MP, there is some funding to replace lamps on wooden poles.
JS

6) **Correspondence:**

Various items circulated. Including the latest land use allocation file from the LDNPA

Planning Matters:

Approval of the Clerk's responses to

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| a) Repairs to Isel Hall | Approved |
| b) Extension at Isel Cottage | Approved |
| c) Wind Turbine at Grange Grassings | Opposed |
| d) Kiln Beck Sunderland | Approved |

- e) Herdwick Croft Caravan Park Approved

Notice of granting of planning permission for:

- a) Extension at Isel Cottage (no restrictions)
- b) Alterations at Low Farm.
- c) Herdwick Croft Caravan Park

13) Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial report: It was agreed in principle to assist the Village Hall Facility Strategy Fund.
- b) Approval of the Precept for 2014-15 with a 3% increase: Prop D. Roberts, Sec H. Brough
- c) Parish Charity, reduction in quarterly income to £60 from £75.

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2014:

March 17th May 19th July 21st September 22nd November 17th

Signed: _____ Date: _____