

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the January 18th Meeting of Blindcrake Parish Council held in the Blindcrake Village Hall.

- 1) **Apologies:** None

- 2) **Present:** 9 councillors plus ABC & CCC councillors

- 3) **Minutes of the Last meeting were Read & Approved**

- 4) **Members Declaration of Interests:** None

- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report:**
 - a) **Police Matters:** Apologies, report circulated

 - b) **Highways Issues:** Overgrown trees/bushes. Damage to the ghyll road. Some Sat-Navs were causing issues for wagons visiting the Sunderland and Isel areas. Concern about the closure of Ouse & Isel Bridges was expressed.

 - c) **Footpath Group:** Footpath to the Clints: The new path had been badly damaged and much of the gravel washed into the Ghyll Beck during the floods which had caused the beck to flood into properties. The NPA had come and made diversions to the water to try to alleviate this

 - d) **Broadband:** No news although odd bits of work have been done. There are in fact four different lines into the parish. It was agreed to contact our MP if there was no further progress.

 - e) **Removal of phone boxes.** We had responded to ABC but no further news.

 - f) **Improvements in the village:** The fence in the pound had been moved and the Children's Committee hopes to install some play equipment.

 - g) **United Utilities pipe line:** A series of bore holes were being drilled. There is a map on the UU website. We would ask UU for a meeting.

 - h) **Overhead electric cables:** Where there are three overhead power cables over, or near a property, compensation may be payable.

 - i) **The Green – Drainage.** Plan to improve this is pending.

 - j) **Flooding issues:** There is a flood help system available, Gulleys in Blindcrake need cleaning, particularly by Blindcrake Hall and the Flags. Corrilien were to come back to do repairs to the road after putting the ducting in. Residents were asked to contact their Parish Councillor to log flood related issues. We had a de humidifier available for residents use, bought from the Quarry Charity.

6) Correspondence: Circulated

7) Planning Matters: We had written to the NPA about the expansion of the North Lakes Caravan Park

8) Financial Matters: a) Hire of the village hall (2015-16) £84. Agreed to pay

b) Alan Mossop for handyman work (2015-16) £500 Agreed to pay

9) Future agenda items and dates of future meetings

Was it worth investing in a hand propelled gritter?

Local buses, could the new service 63 route though Blindcrake?

March 14th

May 16th

July 18th

September 19th

November 21st