

The Minutes of the January 2018 Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council
held at 7.30 on January 15th in Blindcrake Village Hall

Apologies: James Gate, ABC Councillor Tony Annison;

Present: 8 Parish Councillors, CCC Councillor Alan Bowness; 12 members of the public

1. **Minutes of the November 2017 meeting.** To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
2. **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda**
Joe Marrs re UU pipeline
3. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
Several members of the public spoke regarding a potential speed limit in the village. The Allerdale local committee of the CCC do regular reviews of limits in the area. There is no footway in the village. John Thompson noted that there had been three previous attempts to have a limit and all had been turned down. It was agreed that Martin Corfield and a small working party will gather information and make another application.
4. **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) UU Pipe Line: Apologies received from UU/contractor. As yet no new design for the pipe bridge crossing the Ghyll. There was a new project manager.
There was an urgent need for the traffic management plan, so we could review it. The Chair was going to write to UU re this.
The Legacy Fund would appear to be much less than had been expected. AP
 - b) Highways Issues: Report of meeting held with CCC Highways and Storey Contracting: The main issue was the lack of communication re the work being done, what was being done and the fact that several roads in and around the Parish were closed at the same time. While the work on the back lonning was complete there were still issues with flooding at the Cottage. The road through Blindcrake would be tarred and chipped in the summer.
Andrew Harrison (CCC Flood Prevention Officer) was to meet with councillors in Blindcrake. GF
 - c) Broadband: Andy Prickett reported that there was still a shortfall in funding to provide Sunderland with Superfast Broadband. It was agreed unanimously to allocated £2,000 from Parish funds to “kickstart” the process and attract further funding. AP
 - d) The Green – Drainage; No news. AP
 - e) Risk Assessment: The meeting agreed that the financial risks to the Council were minimal GF
 - f) Flooding: CCC Highways were making a map of all the drains in the Parish so they could be cleaned regularly. The flooding of the Hall had been caused by the beck behind it being blocked under the track and thanks to the Marrs family for using their rods to clear it. It would be useful to have a list of who owned drainage rods in the Parish. There was still flooding at cottage on the back lonning. G
 - g) Village Hall: Ros Berry updated the meeting re the flooding (see item f) it was felt that the pipe under the lane should be increased in size and re-enforcement of the wall behind the hall. Can we apply for a grant? Work was still progressing on grants for the refurbishment of the Hall and the negotiations re the lease were still proceeding.
RB
 - h) Notice Board keys: Replacements bought £80.16. This was agreed, and Alan Mossop was asked to replace the locks. GF

i) **Recycling collections in Isel:** Sue Buckwell pointed out that Isel and Sunderland still don't have any recycling other than by taking rubbish to the central point at Linskeldfield farm. It was agreed to write to Allerdale BC. It was noted that there were several funding opportunities for activities for the well-being of the community. SB

5. **Planning Matters:** a) Blindcrake Hall (No objections from the Council)

6. Financial Matters:

a) Current financial position: Spreadsheet circulated.

b) Grass cutting tender/contract 2018-2020: There were three tenders submitted to do the work in accordance with the contract. The decision was based on price and went to Arthur Lester.

c) 2018-2019 precept. A 3% increase was agreed in line with inflation. Prop Ros Berry, Seconded Joe Marrs, Carried Unanimously.

Future agenda items and dates of future meetings:

Dates for 2018

March 19th

May 21st

July 16th

September 17th

November 19th

- a) It was suggested we ask for a "No through road" sign for the watery lonning as several cars have been getting stuck down there since the back lonning had been resurfaced.
- b) Request an urgent meeting with United Utilities re Traffic Management Plan for when works resume in the Parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____