

**The Minutes the July Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council**  
**held at 7.30 on July 17th 2017 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

**Apologies:** Martin Corfield, James Gate & Josh Barber

**Present:** Seven Councillors, Tony Annison (ABC Councillor) and one parishioner. Two representatives from United Utilities.

- 1) **The Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were signed a true record of the meeting.**
- 2) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** Joe Marrs re pipeline
- 3) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.** None
- 4) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) **UU Pipe Lines:** It was stressed that communication of work in the parish and surrounding roads was important and it was agreed that UU and Cumbria Highways would give as much notice as possible to the Clerk to allow the information to be made available to parishioners. Questions were raised regarding the removal of surface material, the route and its destination. Most the work in the Parish would be in 2018 and it was agreed that there should be a careful choice of route and that speed limits and schedules should be put in place. Concern was expressed about the potential damage to roads and site traffic would have no alternative but to use some very narrow, minor roads. Could traffic be kept out of the villages? The design of the Ghyll crossing was still to be finalised. The council felt the need for fencing/walls etc to prevent access was not appropriate. There was to be a tree fund in partnership with Cumbria Woodlands. The final details of the Legacy Fund were still to be worked on but it would be administered by Cumbria Community Foundation.
  - b) **Police Matters:** Apologies: The meeting felt that the lack of information was disappointing and that the crime reports on the Cumbria Police website were virtually meaningless given the large area they covered. ABC Councillor Tony Annison was to take this up.
  - c) **Highways Issues:**

It was agreed to ask Cumbria Highways for a HGV (accept for access) ban in the Parish due to the very narrow roads. There had been an incident when an ambulance had got stuck on the Ghyll road when passing an HGV.

The Clerk said that given the large number of road closures that seemed to be happening now, we were not getting proper notifications in due time to correct information about diversion.

There is a proposal from Highways England to widen the road west of Moota quarry, it was hoped that the junction to Blindcrake could be improved at the same time as it was dangerous and increasingly difficult to exit.

Representatives from CCC Highways and Carillion had been in the village to look at the water leak caused by the burying of the fibre cables. The Clerk was asked to write asking for clarification.
  - d) **Footpath group:** No news
  - e) **Broadband:** Forthcoming Connecting Cumbria meeting. A lot of questions to be asked re provision for Sunderland.
  - f) **The Green – Drainage:** No updates.
  - g) **Allerdale Ward boundaries:** We would be in the All Saints ward. The total number of councillors was being reduced by 7 to 49. This had been the Parish's wish rather than being placed with Aspatria.
  - h) **Village Hall Charity membership:** With the new charity being established new trustees had been appointed.

i) **Tallentire Wind Farm Fund:** The recent newsletter was circulated and Ros Berry asked that local organisations should apply for the funds while they were available. Ros to draft an item for the newsletter and Parish Clerk to display information in parish notice boards.

5) **Planning Matters:** It was noted that we were not being informed of some planning matters by the NPA, despite these being listed in the local press. The Clerk was asked to write to the NPA asking for notification of all planning matters in the Parish.

**6) Financial Matters:**

a) Current financial position – There was up to £5,000 available for matters relating to the broadband cables for Sunderland.

b) Payment of Annual Insurance (£391.70) Agreed.

**7) Future agenda items and dates of future meetings:**

September 18<sup>th</sup>                      November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Dehumidifier:** This did not seem to be working. The Clerk was to see if it can be repaired.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_