

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the July Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on July 18th 2016 in Blindcrake Village Hall

1. **Apologies:** (A. Prickett) Ros Berry took the Chair. Also present were Cath Johnson & Geoff Davies from the LDNP and Alex Ostle of Cumbria police
2. **Minutes of the May 2016 meeting.** The Vice 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:** Joe Marrs re UU Pipeline
4. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

Nothing raised

5. **Maintenance and Matters of Report**

- a) **Police Matters CPSO** Alex Ostle reported no local crime locally. It was noted that there were instances of fly tipping in the Parish. Local people were asked to note the registration of suspicious vehicles and also report tipping to Allerdale BC
- b) **Highways Issues:** it was noted that the road by Tarn Green had been damaged by builders working on the property. The signpost at Isel Old Park had lost the arm pointing to Sunderland. The junction at Moota onto the A595 had poor visibility due to hedges and long grass.
- c) **Footpath group:** The gravel pile had been removed from the path to the Craggs. The LDNPA can train volunteers to use equipment.
- d) **Broadband:** Still no news on when we will be connected. Other options for Sunderland and isel to be explored. Andy Prickett would call a meeting to discuss. There were grants to enable a satellite system but this could cost £35 per month.
- e) **The Green – Drainage:** The Children’s Committee are looking for grant funding for play equipment and this could include draining the green.
- f) **Library van cessation:** There is a possibility of a book drop in the village hall but perhaps only 100 books per drop every six weeks. It was agreed to find out what the demand was in the Parish.
- g) **Request for funding of milestones:** There were two in the Parish, it was agreed to donate £60 to their restoration.
- h) **LDNPA Local Plan review engagement process.**
Geoff Davis stated that as he was the Northern Parishes’ Member he reported each month and tried to keep in touch. Cath Johnson explained the Northern Area Distinctive Area team and how they worked. There was now a review of the Local Plan to cover five years. Matters such as housing and employment were important. Local engagement was important and can be via the NPA website. There was a need to streamline the planning process. The current plan was for 900 homes in the NP in the next ten years. Concern was expressed about local occupancy rules for areas like ours which were in the fringe of the NP. It was hoped that a Planning Officer will attend the next meeting.
- i) **Correspondence (Circulated)**
- j) **Planning Matters:** UU Pipeline: Cath Johnson took the meeting through the process so far as regards to planning and the Legacy Fund. A meeting had been held at Embleton to get ideas but a panel would be set up by the NP to decide how the money is to be allocated. It was felt that our Parish was “hit” twice with too long lengths of pipeline in our area and that thus we deserved favourable attention given the disruption particularly on the Castle Inn to Redmain section.

There was no link between granting planning permission and the legacy Fund. Capital funding for projects in the parishes run for 3 years but after that it may be for a bigger area. The Penal would look at long term social benefit and capital investment.

It was felt our Hall was the main need and possibly the path along the A595 if land owners permission could be gained.

Comments can be made on the NPA website.

Planning permission had been granted for a bird shed at Isel Old Park.

k) Financial Matters:

- a. Current financial position was circulated and approved.

l) Future agenda items and dates of future meetings

September 19th

November 21st

Signed: _____ Date: _____