

## **Blindcrake Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** Mary Stocks
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** David Roberts submitted a printed review of the year (circulated) which was accepted by the meeting
- 3) **Matters for Discussion:** It was noted that the website was up and running due to the efforts of Keith Snell assisted by Mike Dawson and Graeme Forrester

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- 2) **Minutes**  
**The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 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.** There were no matters raised.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) Police Matters : Apologies for not attending. There had been no incidents in the parish recently.
  - b) Seating area at the top of the hill: Work would start soon subject to the weather. The new seat would be part of the wall.
  - c) Low Farm: Work is under way and there is a meeting planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
  - d) Highway Stewards: Matters for: Isel Hall to Almshouses – road edges; Parkwood road and the back lanning. It was agreed to send a general letter to the Highways Dept re the state of the roads in the parish and that gulleys are not being emptied when the gully emptier comes round.
  - e) Drainage on the Village Green: This was being closely monitored.
  - f) White barn at Skiddaw View Farm, Setmurthy: The NPA have an open enforcement case on this.
  - g) Grass cutting contract for 2009 : There were six applications and it was agreed to award it to the existing contractor, HGP (Prop: JT; Sec: LW, Passed unanimously.)
  - k) Website – This was now live. Excellent site thanks to Keith Snell.
  - l) Gritting of roads in the parish in adverse weather: Some grit piles had been put out. These would be restocked on September
  - m) New seat on the green: This was now in place and brackets were being made to attach it to the ground.
  - n) Cleaning out of ghyll: This had been poorly done by 3 men from the Environment Agency with a strimmer and a spade. They had also left all the cuttings etc on the verge. The ditch really needs deepening to carry away more water in heavy rain. Rachel Gerrard offered to chase this up.  
RG
  - o) Phone pole at The Oaks: This had been done.
  - p) Light at Home Farm: ABC had no knowledge of this former light. The Rose farm light was still on.
  - q) Bend signs at Longclose: The Highway Steward would be asked to look at it.

- r) Village sign on the ghyll road: John Thompson was looking for funding for this and also two signs for Sunderland. One Blindcrake sign would cost £500 and three for Sunderland would cost £1250, but there would be a discount for all four. It was agreed to apply for grant funding and also ask for suggestions for future projects in the Newsletter.
- s) Footpath restoration in the parish: There is money and support available to restore footpaths in the parish, some of which are in a poor condition. Can we get the county footpath officer to attend a future meeting? GF
- t) Village Hall appointees: It was agreed to re-appoint Hilton Brough and David Roberts.
- u) Reclaiming VAT: it was agreed to look at reclaiming VAT from past years. GF

**6) Correspondence**

Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting was available for reading.

**7) Planning Matters**

The NPA were looking at a number of matters in the Parish:

Tipping near Redmain,                      Animal shelter being built near Redmain

Tipping near Lynwood - it was noted that the fields behind Thorneycroft were being split in 3 and sold.

Long Barn (Redmain), permission granted.

**8) Financial Matters**

- a) Review of the budget for the year 2008-2009
- b) Payment of the printing costs for 2008-2009                      £130.86 Payable to MG Cumbria
- c) Payment of postage costs for 2008-2009                      £ 46.17 Payable to G. Forrester
- d) Payment of Advert for grass cutting                      £ 43.70 Payable to Cumbrian Newspapers
- e) Payment of CALC subscription                      £114.00 Payable to CALC
- f) Payment for new seat on the green                      £370.92 Payable to Greentech
- g) Internal auditor (Cynthia Dunbar)
- h) Payment of Land Registry fee (to Goughs)                      £ 40.00 Payable to HFT Gough & Co
- i) New list of insured items owned by the council.
- j) The Clerk's salary would be updated inline with the final settlement for April 2008.

**9) Future agenda items and date of next meeting**

Trees at the lay by between Blindcrake and Redmain were being strangled by Ivy  
Some of the notice boards needed new pin boards in them.

**Dates of meetings in 2009**

May 18<sup>th</sup> (AGM)                      July 20<sup>th</sup>                      September 21<sup>st</sup>                      November 16<sup>th</sup>

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