

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on March 29th 2010 in Blindcrake Village Hall

Present: 8 councillors, ABC Councillor J. Milburn, CCC Councillor E. Nicholson and 6 parishioners. Paul Haggins of the LDNPA

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Chair and CEO of the LDNPA, Tony Cunningham MP, Councillor H. Brough
- 2) **Minutes**
The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 18th 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 adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

Low Farm: The Chairman summarised the history of the building, the planning applications and the frustrations felt by the council and local people. The original application was for 7 dwellings in 1999 but in 2004 the LDNPA granted permission for just two dwellings with a number of conservation restrictions such as retaining the original timbers. The Chairman referred to the letter from Bill Murray of the LDNPA dated February 19th.

Paul Haggins, Development Control Team Leader of the LDNPA explained what a “Completion Notice” was. It was rarely used and ultimately it was the decision of the Secretary of State and he determined its use as whether it was in the public interest. An “Urgent Repairs Notice” or a “Repairs Notice” could be served or the developer could be asked to sell the building on to another builder.

The Options were: Nothing, Negotiate, or Compliance. The meeting felt that years of negotiating with the builder had failed.

J. Thompson pointed out that the developer was gradually removing most of the old building. Should this need listed building consent?

The Chairman thanked Paul Haggins for coming to the meeting.

5) Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) **Police Matters:** No report
- b) **Low Farm:** Following item 4, it was agreed that a letter written by the Chairman, Vice Chair and Clerk should be sent to the LDNPA asking them to proceed with a Completion Notice. It was further agreed to invite Tony Cunningham MP to view the building and to take photos for the local press.
DR,JT,GF
- c) **Highway Stewards: Matters for:** There was a drain near the Mission hall in Sunderland that was blocked. A length of road had subsided near the village green, several potholes near Clints Cottage and some down the Ghyll. It was agreed to make a map of potholes and other items needing attention. R. Gerrard offered to produce some maps
RG
- d) **Village sign on the ghyll road:** A grant application had been made. JT
- e) **State of the Ghyll Beck at the east of the village.** A site meeting was to be arranged GF
- f) **The hedge between Redmain and the A595** – Now well trimmed
- g) **State of the pound:** it was agreed to remove the two Ash trees from the wall. Paul Jackson to be approached. A maximum cost of £50 was agreed. Joe Marrs was to be asked to repair the wall. RG,JT
- h) **Closure of Isel Bridge:** The Bridge was now open
- i) **Grit boxes and colour of them:** It was agreed to have 3 “free” ones and 3 to be bought, coloured brown. GF

- j) **Grass cutting tender:** 2 tenders have been submitted: After discussion it was felt that one tender did not comply to the work as advertised and also that some form of mulching was desired. The Clerk was asked to write to the two contractors again asking for the tenders to be resubmitted. A further meeting would be held to decide who would get the contract. GF
- k) **Drains near the Ghyll Yeat.** This would be chased up as property (Ghyllside) was being flooded. GF
- l) **Lights in the village:** Four lights were currently not working in Blindcrake. The Clerk was asked to chase ABC on this GF
- m) **Footpath working group.** A meeting will be called for those interested and advertised in the next newsletter. GF
- n) **Blindcrake sign on the A595.** Now replaced.
- o) **Fly tipping.** Old carpets near the reservoir have been removed.
- p) **Park Wood road:** it was agreed that should there be further work on the wood there should be no access from the west via Blindcrake and Forest Enterprise should put up a bond in advance for the re-instatement of the road. GF

6) Correspondence

Tallentire Wind Farm. Further documents for a revised scheme have been received with fewer turbines.

9) Planning Matters

The clerk's responses to the following were approved:

- a) Park Wood management
- c) Howgill Wood management
- d) Removal of old trees at Highside, Blindcrake
- e) Extension of the National Parks
- f) Barn at Grove Farm (withdrawn)

10) Financial Matters

- a) The running accounts for the current year up to March 10th were approved
- b) Appointment of an internal auditor for 2009/10 (Cynthia Dunbar). This was agreed

The following payments were approved:

- c) Annual Postage (£51.60)
- d) Annual printing (£197.16)
- e) Annual room hire (£91.00)
- f) Annual grass cutting (£504.00)
- g) CN advert (grass cutting tender) (£54.64)
- h) Notice Boards (£822.50)
- i) Village signs (£491.67 & £92.06)
- j) CALC Subscription (£115)

11) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2010

May 24th – Parish Meeting and Council Annual General Meeting.

July 19th Sept 20th Nov 22nd

Signed _____ **Date:** _____