

## Blindcrake Parish Council

### The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Jill Shaw. The Chairman noted that he had received a letter of resignation from John Thompson. John was thanked for his many years of service on behalf of the Council.  
**Present:** 6 councillors, ABC/CCC Councillor E. Nicholson and 2 parishioners.
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 23rd 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.**  
The seat by the well was in need of attention. HB
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) **Police Matters:** The written report urged vigilance as to unusual activity, cars and trucks at night. Also making sure oil tanks and sheds are secure.
  - b) **Low Farm Updates:** The roof was now going on. Workers now there most days.
  - c) **Highway Stewards:** Matters for: Subsidence near Blindcrake bus shelter. Damage to surface opposite Highside, back lanning, flooding near the Flaggs, general surface water problems due to lack of maintenance of drains. Peter Marr now replaced by Andrew Johnston.
  - d) **Village green:** (conservation kerbing). To be done by Alan Mossop for £350
  - e) **Footpath group:** There had been a site meeting on the back lanning (west), some volunteers had come forward. Paul Jackson would do the cutting and chipping of larger trees for £400.. There was a query over land ownership and it was hoped to implement a rights of way improvement plan. The Neighbourhood Forum was unable to fund the PC directly, it could only fund community groups with a constitution and a bank account. We have to resort to setting up such a group, and Ros is continuing to pursue other funding sources but time was short, if not out of time, to do the work before nesting season. The Council decided they were not able to approve the full funding and discussed disposal by burning. However the Council did agree to set aside a contingency of £400 for footpath improvement work generally. Ros had also submitted a Rights of Way Improvement proposal to the County Council - subsequent response was that the CCC did not take responsibility for this section of the lanning.
  - f) Notice board at Isel Old Park: Awaiting location from CCC GF
  - g) **Broadband Survey:** Responses coming in. RB
  - h) **Co-option of two new council members:** There were three nominations: It was agreed unanimously that Annamarie Desmond and Mike Livingstone would be co-opted.
  - i) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations:** It was agreed to present all under 17s with a commemorative coin/medal. The budget would be up to £350. The Clerk was asked to arrange.  
GF
  - j) **MRWS:** The Council unanimously agreed to oppose taking part in any further searches in West Cumbria.
  - k) **Gate on the well compound:** This needed welding HP /AP
- 6) **Correspondence:** Various matters circulated  
"Our Green Space" – useful book now going round.

**7) Planning Matters:**

- a) The Loft, Blindcrake: The Council approved this application.
- b) Agricultural Dwelling, near Bridekirk: The Council approved this application.
- c) Agricultural Building, near La'al Moota: The Council approved this application.

**9) Financial Matters:-**

- a) Current financial report was circulated
- b) Payment for work on the village green kerbing: £350.00 paid to A. Mossop. Agreed
- c) Payment for postage costs for the past financial year: £50.24. Agreed
- d) Payment for the Clerk's travel costs for the past financial year: £40.08: Agreed
- d) Payment for printing for the past financial year: £194.24: Agreed
- e) Payment for the cost of the Parish election £1,176.68. Agreed
- f) Variation of bank mandate to delete J. Thompson and add R. Berry. Agreed

**10) Future agenda items and date of next meeting:**

Nominations for the village hall committee: H. Brough and D. Roberts  
Neighbourhood planning & Localism meeting report

**Dates of meetings in 2012:** May 14<sup>th</sup> (Parish Council AGM & Annual Parish Meeting)

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