

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on March 17th 2014 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** J. Shaw, R. Berry, A. Storey, Police
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council Minutes of the January 2014 meeting, 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.** None
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **Police Matters:** Written report circulated. It was noted that the loss of footway lights may contribute to night time crime.
 - b) **Low Farm Updates:** Next meeting on March 28th when hopefully the windows will be approved.
 - c) **Better Highways:** The road at Beckside is falling into the beck. The state of the Back Lonning was discussed. Allerdale BC says it is too rough to sweep while Cumbria CC blame the lack of sweeping for the blocked gulleys and subsequent flooding and damage to the road. The road was recently used by an emergency ambulance and it is in a very poor state.
 - d) **Footpath Group:** The footpath booklet had now been published. It was hoped the groups would be fully constituted at the AGM.
The landowner to the south of the A595 was unwilling to help with making a safe footpath but hopefully the Cumbria CC will cut back the hedge further to make walking on the verge safer. RB
 - e) **Broadband:** There is a lack of real information available in the county as to the future availability of Broadband. The so called post code maps are far too vague. JS/AP
 - f) **Tallentire wind farm funding panel:** No recent meeting ADS
 - e) **Heating oil bulk buying:** (Alan Britcher) The latest price was 59p per litre.
 - f) **Public transport issues:** The Clerk had written to both Stage Coach and Cumbria CC re a route via Blindcrake. AP
 - g) **Flooding issues at the east end of Blindcrake.** Various bits of work will be done in the next few weeks. The Council will write to Mr Craig at High Farm re the blockage in the beck behind his farm.
 - h) **Lighting issues (ENW).** Light number 8 had been switched on. Councillor Jill Shaw was in discussion re the light on the green. JS
 - i) **Dog compound/barking at Holly Bank Blindcrake;** Was this a change of use of the plot of land? The noise of up to 12 barking dogs can be heard in most of Blindcrake. It was detrimental to neighbouring properties.

- 6) **Correspondence:**
Various items circulated.

Planning Matters:

Approval of the Clerk's responses to :

Long Close Bungalow. Change of residency requirement: This was agreed but it was felt there should be no further residency changes at this farm.

Notice of refusal of planning permission for: Linskeldfield Turbine – inspector's refusal on appeal.

13) Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial report: Approved
- b) Clerks expenses (postage and fuel) of £28.00 Approved
- c) Printing expenses for the year: £202.35 Approved
- d) Payment of village hall hire. £84. Approved
- e) Payment for repairs to green seats and well (A. Mossop) £220. Approved
- f) Payment for the Footpath booklet printing. £361.20 (Approved)

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

From Cumbria CC Alan Bowness re gulley cleaning. A GPS system is being used but the location of all the gulleys is not known so the help of the local council is important. The area around a gulley is also to be cleared.

Dates of meetings in 2014:

May 19th (AGM) July 21st September 22nd November 17th

Signed: _____ Date: _____