

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the March 14th 2016 Meeting of Blindcrake Parish Council held in the Blindcrake Village Hall.

- 1) **Apologies:** Alan Purvis, Sue Buckwell & Joe Marrs
- 2) **Present:** 6 councillors, Clerk, ABC & CCC Councillors and one member of the public
- 3) **Minutes of the Last meeting:** it was noted that the year (2016) was not given on the minutes and the name of the contractor was Carrillion.
- 4) **Members Declaration of Interests:** None
- 5) **Adjournment of the meeting to allow the Public to speak:** None

Presentation by United Utilities on the new pipe line:

Mainly summer working on land but winter working on roads. Aim is to reseed 75% in the same year as the work. Work should start in March 2017. There will be a Community Benefit Fund but benefit fund, which will be administered by the LDNPA. As yet the total amount available has not been agreed. There will be regular meetings when work starts in the Parish. Local contractors will be used as often as possible. Traffic management will be to aim for as little disruption as possible. The parish council requested regular meetings starting prior to work starting in the parish

6) Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) Police Matters: Apologies received.
- b) Highways Issues: The Clerk reported that emails were going unanswered. There was a need to have the gulleys cleaned regularly as this contributed to flooding. Local people had cleaned some gulleys in the centre of Blindcrake. The slits into the ditches had been opened up but the soil has left in heaps. No news on the "N HGV" sign for the back laning. The repairs marked in Blindcrake for March 2015 had not been completed.
- c) Footpath Group: Footpath to the Clints: The NPA had done more work to prevent the gravel being washed down in to the Ghyll. A new footpath sign had been erected in Sunderland.
- d) Broadband: Andy Prickett reported on the current situation. The contract for completion of Phase 1 has been extended. Blindcrake and Redmain would get Fibre link from the exchange. It seems as if Sunderland and Isel are not included in Phase 2. A meeting with Connection Cumbria would be requested.
- e) Overhead electric cables: No further news.
- f) The Green – Drainage: The Children's Committee were looking at developing a play area. Andy Prickett and Rachel Gerrard would look at the drainage of the green.
- g) Flooding issues: £500 was available to householders affected from ABC and also CCF invite applications for help.

7) Correspondence: Details of Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

- 8) Planning Matters:** a) Moota Garden Centre: Approved by the NPA
b) Long Close Bungalow: Approved by the NPA

- 9) Financial Matters:** a) Printing & postage 2015/16 (£207.86) Approved
b) Clerks travel costs 2015/16 (£50.90) Approved
c) Decision to opt out of an external audit or not? It was resolved to stay in.
d) Annual approval of our financial regulations: These were approved.
e) Annual risk assessment: These were approved.
The Clerk was to circulate copies of the financial regulations and Risk Assessment to members.

10) Future agenda items and dates of future meetings

May 16th July 18th September 19th November 21st

Signed: _____

Date: _____