

The Minutes of the March 2019 Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council
held on March 18th in Blindcrake Village Hall

Apologies: Joe Marrs, Terry Johnstone.

Present: 6 Councillors and the Clerk plus Tony Annison ABC Councillor. Two Parishioners

1. **Minutes of the January 2019 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
2. **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
3. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairma adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.** None
4. **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **UU Pipe Line Updates:** Representatives of UU and the contractors updated the meeting on progress and the plans for road closures in March/April plus the outline of how the re-instatement will take place. There will be road blockages when plant is being unloaded but this will be kept to a minimum. The roads will be open in June for the Garden Safari. Questions were asked regarding the verges and laybys in the Isel area which were badly cut up. These would be re-instated. UU promised a flyer that could be sent out with the Parish newsletter.
AP
 - b) **Broadband. 1) Isel, 2) Sunderland;** The situation for Isel was not promising but there was to be a meeting shortly re Sunderland. AP
 - c) **The Green – drainage:** No progress but a van or similar vehicle had driven over part of the green. AP
 - d) **Parish council elections in May:** The Clerk distributed the nomination papers. Andy Prickett said he would not be standing again. GF
 - e) **BT and trees on the back lonning;** A stalemate situation as no one seemed to know was responsible and what was going to happen. RB
 - f) **Highways matters. (Flooding):** A CCC team would be investigating in the new financial year and the Back Lonning outlet drain. GF
 - g) **Footway lights (ABC):** ABC were still wanting parishes to take responsibility for these. Tony Annison was to take the matter up with the Borough. We had been informed that Light number 3 in Redmain was seriously corroded and ABC wished to know if was still needed or if it could be removed. To be included in the Parish Magazine
GF
 - h) **Bore holes on the Clints:** Harrisons were responsible for the bore holes and it is understood that they were in consultation with the LDNPA but the NPA were unable to give us any further details. RB
 - i) **Speed limit:** Neither the Clerk nor Martin Corfield had heard any ore re the results of the speed survey: MC
 - j) **Extension of the National Park boundary to cover the whole parish:** The Clerk had received an informal request for a Parish opinion regarding taking in the area of the Parish north of the A595 into the National Park. There was the advantage of tighter planning restrictions over the quarry. More information was required. GF
5. **Planning Matters:** LDNPA Local Plan: the need for flexibility over housing was needed.

Irton House (Conditions of Use as a home): The Council voted in favour of this change.

Holly House (replacement roof.). The Council voted in favour of this change.

Footpath re alignment near Moota Quarry: Th meeting voted in favour of the change.

6. Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial position: Circulated and approved.
- b) Payment for minor works to Alan Mossop (£605) Approved
- c) Payment of Hall rent (£84) Approved
- d) Payment for the Clerk's Expenses 2018-19 (£72) Approved
- e) Payment for printing costs 20118-19 (£204.94) Approved
- f) Appointment of J. Thompson as Auditor for 2018/19 was approved.

Future agenda items and dates of future meetings:

Andy Prickett was thanked for his hard work as Chair during his term of office.

Dates for 2019

May 13th AGM, July 15th, Sept 16th, Nov 18th

Signed: _____ Date: _____